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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1931, AND JANUARY, 1931.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1931; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$2,761,929, compared with \$7,895,106 in December, 1931, and \$8,401,456 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 65.0 p.c. in the first and of 67.1 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,200,000, and nearly 800 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$1,300,000, while an engineering project, valued at \$45,654, was reported in Brantford. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$4,000,000 and \$3,000,000 respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1931, the gain of \$87,343 or 97.8 p.c. in Alberta and of \$95,603, or 34.1 p.c., in British Columbia being most noteworthy. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$2,813,551, or 72.8 p.c., in Ontario was greatest.

As compared with January, 1931, there were increases of 55.3 p.c. and 4.3 p.c. in Nova Scotia and Alberta, respectively. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,942,421 or 73.6 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

In Montreal and Toronto, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year, while in Winnipeg and Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1931. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sydney, Belleville, Port Arthur, St. Thomas and Lethbridge.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in January	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued in January, (1926=100)	Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in January, (1926 average=100)
1932	\$2,761,929	58.5	79.5
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.1
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.3
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.3
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.3
1921	2,595,364	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1932 figure for January was lower than in most years of this record, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1932, and December and January, 1931. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "X".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January, 1932	December, 1931	January, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	77,386	70,355	49,840
x Halifax	64,786	70,305	44,840
New Glasgow	Nil	50	5,000
x Sydney	12,600	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	7,740	7,315	80,875
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	1/	360	Nil
x Saint John	7,740	6,955	80,875
Quebec	929,925	3,086,810	1,466,442
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	865,360	2,982,690	1,028,570
x Quebec	34,865	83,195	317,247
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	500	Nil
x Sherbrooke	16,800	9,300	93,900
x Three Rivers	11,600	9,000	26,725
x Westmount	1,300	2,125	Nil
Ontario	1,053,121	3,866,672	3,995,542
Belleville	2,500	Nil	200
x Brantford	46,064	55,958	71,137
Chatham	1,700	56,450	2,300
x Fort William	8,700	10,200	14,000
Galt	745	26,862	7,350
x Guelph	4,075	10,116	36,525
x Hamilton	79,750	557,250	158,200
x Kingston	13,375	19,277	14,800
x Kitchener	14,803	22,394	72,550
x London	69,380	50,225	322,650
Niagara Falls	1,900	15,521	5,305
Oshawa	1,450	900	49,050
x Ottawa	82,690	96,810	40,400
Owen Sound	3,500	4,500	Nil
x Peterborough	800	200	7,525
x Port Arthur	3,950	2,970	925
x Stratford	1,390	7,745	11,530
x St. Catharines	21,250	22,527	4,458
x St. Thomas	1,789	Nil	880
Sarnia	1,825	14,522	9,525
Sault Ste. Marie	1,145	9,825	1,158
x Toronto	540,696	2,630,181	2,613,694
York and East York Townships	132,059	164,685	494,558
Welland	300	6,150	14,990
x Windsor	10,950	66,625	7,350
East Windsor	Nil	3,556	500
Riverside	1/	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	1,200
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	17,000
Woodstock	3,335	11,223	15,782
Manitoba	106,315	465,970	111,427
x Brandon	Nil	225,870	2
St. Boniface	1,315	163,600	75
x Winnipeg	105,000	76,500	111,350
Saskatchewan	34,490	27,978	431,709
x Moose Jaw	Nil	150	179,051
x Regina	30,390	25,728	34,083
x Saskatoon	4,100	2,100	218,575
Alberta	176,651	89,308	169,433
x Calgary	43,851	57,700	93,428
x Edmonton	22,700	4,890	26,100
Lethbridge	110,100	3,718	47,555
Medicine Hat	Nil	23,000	2,350
British Columbia	376,301	280,698	2,096,188
Kamloops	1,050	2,020	6,505
Nanaimo	3,926	24,125	350
x New Westminster	7,500	11,250	198,860
Prince Rupert	2,835	1,235	2,940
x Vancouver	339,360	215,900	1,797,550
North Vancouver	4,060	2,800	11,765
x Victoria	17,570	23,368	78,218
Total - 61 Cities	2,761,929	7,895,106	8,401,456
x Total - 35 Cities	2,485,184	7,359,864	7,705,998

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1932, AND FEBRUARY, 1931.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was lower by \$183,332 or 6.6 p.c. than in the preceding month, and was also less by \$3,817,062 or 59.7 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$2,578,597 during February, 1932, as compared with \$2,761,929 in January, 1932, and \$6,395,659 in February, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 300 permits for dwellings valued at about \$1,100,000, and more than 800 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,400,000. In addition, an engineering project, valued at \$20,495, was reported in Brantford. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$1,300,000, respectively, while an engineering project, valued at \$45,654, was reported in Brantford.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1932; the largest gain, of \$120,494, took place in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$132,611 or 14.3 p.c. in Quebec, and \$129,635 or 34.4 p.c. in British Columbia were most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1931, all provinces recorded declines, that of \$1,494,239 or 85.8 p.c. in British Columbia being most marked.

Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1932, but a reduction as compared with February, 1931. In Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following recorded increases in the value of the building authorized during February as compared with January, 1932, and February, 1931:— Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Brandon and Saskatoon.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
1932	\$ 2,578,597	\$ 5,340,526	45.0	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1932 was lower than in the same months of 1931 and earlier years of the record, but it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were also considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1932	January, 1932	February, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	66,400	77,386	113,350
x Halifax	66,225	64,786	113,150
New Glasgow	175	Nil	200
x Sydney	Nil	12,600	Nil
New Brunswick	14,055	7,740	28,525
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	11,600	Nil	1,400
x Saint John	2,455	7,740	27,125
Quebec	797,314	929,925	1,208,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	727,599	865,360	1,078,860
x Quebec	34,015	34,865	46,457
Shawinigan Falls	5,000	Nil	4,000
x Sherbrooke	25,900	16,800	5,150
x Three Rivers	600	11,600	24,350
x Westmount	4,200	1,300	49,638
Ontario	1,173,615	1,053,121	2,201,442
Belleville	200	2,500	3,400
x Brantford	23,115	46,064	80,697
Chatham	2,325	1,700	69,950
x Fort William	1,650	8,700	98,300
Galt	2,450	745	100
x Guelph	6,270	4,075	1,033
x Hamilton	105,300	79,750	322,400
x Kingston	3,115	13,375	75,945
x Kitchener	31,335	14,803	11,173
x London	32,245	69,380	43,270
Niagara Falls	5,230	1,900	8,950
Oshawa	155	1,450	1,850
x Ottawa	139,700	82,690	38,600
Owen Sound	Nil	3,500	6,000
x Peterborough	10,650	800	9,000
x Port Arthur	60	3,950	9,989
x Stratford	350	1,390	24,650
x St. Catharines	42,120	21,250	9,755
x St. Thomas	2,650	1,789	2,800
Sarnia	2,365	1,825	19,089
Sault Ste. Marie	8,000	1,145	2,335
x Toronto	604,750	540,696	1,159,282
York & East York Townships	97,295	132,059	174,581
Welland	2,160	300	2,000
x Windsor	14,300	10,950	16,246
East Windsor	33,000	Nil	Nil
Riverside	-	Nil	600
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	1,600
Walkerville	Nil	3,000	7,000
Woodstock	2,825	3,335	647
Manitoba	63,750	106,315	600,350
x Brandon	1,250	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	Nil	1,315	350
x Winnipeg	62,500	105,000	600,000
Saskatchewan	37,426	34,490	285,504
x Moose Jaw	Nil	Nil	1,655
x Regina	19,926	30,390	268,359
x Saskatoon	17,500	4,100	15,490
Alberta	179,371	176,651	217,128
x Calgary	141,511	43,851	153,347
x Edmonton	30,465	22,700	46,650
Lethbridge	7,035	110,100	11,176
Medicine Hat	360	Nil	5,955
British Columbia	246,666	376,301	1,740,905
Kamloops	400	1,050	15,335
Nanaimo	5,300	3,926	5,675
x New Westminster	16,845	7,500	25,200
Prince Rupert	10,035	2,835	14,860
x Vancouver	193,665	339,360	1,622,335
North Vancouver	3,150	4,060	7,715
x Victoria	17,271	17,570	49,785
Total - 61 Cities	2,578,597	2,761,929	6,395,659
Total - 35 Cities	2,391,137	2,485,184	6,022,001

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1932,
AND MARCH, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1932.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$3,323,602; this was an increase of \$745,005 or 28.9 p.c., over the February total of \$2,578,597, but a decrease of \$6,625,377 or 66.6 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$9,948,979 reported for the same month in 1931. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, were, however, lower than in 1931 and any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$900,000 and some 1,100 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$2,200,000. In addition, three centres reported that they had authorized five engineering projects valued at approximately \$128,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and nearly 800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively, while an engineering project, valued at \$20,495, was also reported.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gains were those of \$584,320 or 49.8 p.c. in Quebec, and \$180,899 or 483.4 p.c. in Saskatchewan. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$93,968 or 52.4 p.c. in Alberta was greatest.

As compared with March, 1931, all provinces recorded decreases; the largest reduction was that of \$2,419,029 or 71.8 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a gain as compared with the preceding month, but a falling-off as compared with March of last year. Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed declines in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Three Rivers, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough, Sandwich, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1932, or March, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March, and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in March	Value of Permits Issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in First Quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926=100)
1932	\$ 3,323,602	\$ 8,664,128	38.5	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.3
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.6
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	100.1
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	96.6
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	97.0
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	103.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	135.7
1920	3,736,675	13,909,936	34.1	139.4

The aggregate value of the building permits issued in the first quarter of 1932 was less than in the same period in any of the years since 1920, but, as already stated, the wholesale prices of building materials have this year been considerably lower than in the same period in any of the last twelve years.

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- Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	March, 1932	February, 1932	March, 1931
Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	55,850	66,400	222,735
x Halifax	50,560	66,225	220,485
New Glasgow	770	175	1,700
x Sydney	4,520	Nil	550
New Brunswick	15,755	14,055	29,730
Fredericton	1,500	Nil	8,600
x Moncton	1,750	11,600	2,800
x Saint John	12,505	2,455	18,330
Quebec	950,393	797,314	3,369,422
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	839,108	727,599	2,970,148
x Quebec	71,785	34,015	241,924
Shawinigan Falls	700	5,000	300
x Sherbrooke	14,000	25,900	24,000
x Three Rivers	24,150	600	15,800
x Westmount	650	4,200	117,250
Ontario	1,697,935	1,173,615	3,143,686
Belleville	2,400	200	400
x Brantford	20,028	23,115	62,043
Chatham	6,700	2,325	15,000
x Fort William	11,050	1,650	10,900
Galt	18,521	2,450	16,525
x Guelph	25,425	6,270	20,605
x Hamilton	113,500	105,300	783,950
x Kingston	12,645	3,115	12,157
x Kitchener	4,710	31,335	39,121
x London	79,060	32,245	150,835
Niagara Falls	690	5,230	6,380
Oshawa	1,475	155	20,500
x Ottawa	350,275	139,700	325,240
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	7,500
x Peterborough	12,475	10,650	145
x Port Arthur	2,725	60	6,268
x Stratford	1,020	350	7,803
x St. Catharines	5,144	42,120	158,085
x St. Thomas	800	2,650	6,140
Sarnia	7,570	2,365	16,150
Sault Ste. Marie	12,067	8,000	56,631
x Toronto	588,646	604,750	892,911
York & East York Townships	385,509	97,295	466,580
Welland	5,750	2,160	14,195
x Windsor	13,475	14,300	29,455
East Windsor	994	33,000	2,550
Riverside	Nil	-	3,150
Sandwich	4,500	Nil	450
Walkerville	4,000	Nil	8,000
Woodstock	7,381	2,825	4,017
Manitoba	41,200	63,750	311,277
x Brandon	500	1,250	77
St. Boniface	4,850	Nil	4,550
x Winnipeg	35,850	62,500	306,650
Saskatchewan	218,325	37,426	370,504
x Moose Jaw	111,800	Nil	11,604
x Regina	94,500	19,926	244,450
x Saskatoon	12,025	17,500	114,450
Alberta	85,403	179,371	1,281,023
x Calgary	49,943	141,511	208,090
x Edmonton	31,410	30,465	55,125
Lethbridge	2,405	7,035	1,009,600
Medicine Hat	1,645	360	8,208
British Columbia	258,741	246,666	1,220,602
Kamloops	975	400	39,800
Nanaimo	8,215	5,300	170
x New Westminster	12,675	16,845	45,975
Prince Rupert	12,965	10,035	9,518
x Vancouver	186,715	193,665	1,001,135
North Vancouver	11,350	3,150	9,935
x Victoria	25,846	17,271	114,069
Total - 61 Cities	3,323,602	2,578,597	9,948,979
xTotal - 35 Cities	2,820,670	2,391,137	8,218,570

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1932,
AND APRIL, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$4,237,160 during April, as compared with \$3,323,602 in the preceding month, and \$13,495,165 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$913,555 or 27.5 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$9,258,005, or 68.6 p.c., as compared with April, 1931. In considering these figures, it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials have this year averaged much lower than in any of the past twelve years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 450 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,100,000 and for nearly 2,000 other buildings estimated to cost more than \$2,700,000. In addition, four cities - Brantford, Port Arthur, St. Boniface and Moose Jaw - reported that they had authorized engineering projects valued at approximately \$224,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of nearly 400 dwellings and 1,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$900,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively, while five engineering projects valued at approximately \$128,000 were also reported.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1932, the greatest gain of \$345,583 taking place in Alberta.

As compared with April, 1931, New Brunswick reported an increase in the value of the building authorized, while the remaining provinces recorded decreases, that of \$3,107,498, or 78.9 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, but declines as compared with April, 1931, while in Montreal there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Chatham, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, St. Thomas, Welland, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1932, and April, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average = 100).
1932	\$ 4,237,160	\$12,901,288	31.1	79.2
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.8
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.2
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	96.8
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.8
1926	19,044,499	41,238,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was below the average for the months, January-April, in the years since 1920. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also decidedly lower than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1932, and April, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1932	March, 1932	April, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	213,207	55,850	1,179,865
x Halifax	108,256	50,560	1,117,945
New Glasgow	26,250	770	57,450
x Sydney	78,701	4,520	4,470
New Brunswick	260,290	15,755	121,460
Fredericton	2,700	1,500	Nil
x Moncton	32,140	1,750	78,015
x Saint John	225,450	12,505	43,445
Quebec	830,064	950,393	3,937,562
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	661,312	839,108	3,226,562
x Quebec	69,557	7,785	222,965
Shawinigan Falls	7,350	700	5,410
x Sherbrooke	17,600	14,000	300,700
x Three Rivers	31,970	24,150	36,295
x Westmount	42,275	650	145,630
Ontario	1,820,222	1,697,935	3,960,807
Belleville	17,125	2,400	21,700
x Brantford	35,361	20,028	41,478
Chatham	9,360	6,700	4,440
x Fort William	40,850	11,050	53,400
Galt	13,151	18,521	22,397
x Guelph	11,100	25,425	33,243
x Hamilton	97,750	113,500	389,300
x Kingston	88,910	12,645	54,485
x Kitchener	137,664	4,710	58,970
x London	87,180	79,060	214,220
Niagara Falls	36,002	690	34,260
Oshawa	8,685	1,475	6,475
x Ottawa	144,775	350,275	466,645
Owen Sound	4,600	Nil	15,000
x Peterborough	11,360	12,475	37,872
x Port Arthur	17,666	2,725	41,180
x Stratford	4,200	1,020	17,798
x St. Catharines	11,919	5,144	77,100
x St. Thomas	13,750	200	13,620
Sarnia	5,035	7,570	10,922
Sault Ste. Marie	9,453	12,067	29,245
x Toronto	817,173	588,646	1,734,630
York & East York Townships	157,188	385,509	471,855
Welland	21,080	5,750	19,620
x Windsor	10,625	13,475	44,190
East Windsor	Nil	994	990
Riverside	-	Nil	2,950
Sandwich	5,650	4,500	1,600
Walkerville	Nil	4,000	18,000
Woodstock	2,610	7,381	23,222
Manitoba	198,567	41,200	1,084,822
x Brandon	4,997	500	21,027
St. Boniface	54,370	4,850	14,445
x Winnipeg	139,200	35,850	1,049,350
Saskatchewan	195,477	218,325	795,781
x Moose Jaw	160,152	111,800	44,166
x Regina	18,175	94,500	110,995
x Saskatoon	17,150	12,025	640,620
Alberta	430,986	85,403	470,613
x Calgary	250,279	49,943	276,333
x Edmonton	160,400	31,410	173,085
Lethbridge	12,512	2,405	19,220
Medicine Hat	7,795	1,645	1,975
British Columbia	288,347	258,741	1,944,255
Kamloops	4,080	975	14,255
Nanaimo	1,225	8,215	1,945
x New Westminster	8,260	12,675	52,950
Prince Rupert	1,020	12,965	24,755
x Vancouver	211,950	186,715	1,730,635
North Vancouver	5,490	11,350	12,080
x Victoria	56,322	25,846	107,635
Total - 61 Cities	4,237,160	3,323,602	13,495,165
x Total - 35 Cities	3,824,429	2,820,670	12,660,954

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1932,
AND MAY, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1932, was higher by 24.8 p.c. than in April, 1932, but lower by 56.3 p.c. than in May, 1931. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$5,289,506 as compared with \$4,237,160 in the preceding month and \$12,115,291 in May, 1931. The total for the first five months of 1932, namely, \$18,190,794, was lower than that for the corresponding period of any of the years since 1920. Wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1932 than in any other year of the record, averaging 79.0 p.c. for the first five months as compared with 83.7 p.c. and 92.8 p.c. in the same periods of 1931 and 1930, respectively.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,250,000 and for some 2,700 other buildings estimated to cost over \$3,800,000. In addition three cities - Brantford, Port Arthur and Moose Jaw - reported that they had authorized engineering projects valued at approximately \$130,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$2,700,000, respectively.

Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases of 76.7 p.c., 458.0 p.c. and 86.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1932. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$220,001 or 84.5 p.c. in New Brunswick was most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1931, Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered increases. The other provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$3,452,712 or 69.6 p.c. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg reported a higher total of building permits issued than in either April, 1932, or May, 1931, Montreal registering a gain compared with April, 1932, but a loss compared with May, 1931, while in Toronto and Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fort William, Kingston, Port Arthur, Saskatoon and Edmonton recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of Permits issued in May	Value of Permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average =100)
1932	\$ 5,289,506	\$ 18,190,794	30.3	79.0
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.7
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	92.8
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.1
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	96.9
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.7
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	102.0
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	132.2
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of this year was thus only 18.8 p.c. of the total for the same period of 1929, the high level of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was lower than in any of the years since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	May, 1932	April, 1932	May, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	106,340	213,207	225,530
x Halifax	95,230	108,256	192,150
New Glasgow	2,450	26,250	7,005
x Sydney	8,660	13,701	26,375
New Brunswick	40,289	260,290	206,057
Fredericton	3,900	2,700	17,960
x Moncton	12,390	32,140	70,590
x Saint John	23,999	225,450	117,505
Quebec	1,466,638	830,064	4,449,753
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,310,691	661,312	3,639,504
x Quebec	115,407	69,557	590,054
Shawinigan Falls	2,000	7,350	8,890
x Sherbrooke	19,800	17,600	46,100
x Three Rivers	13,415	31,970	32,505
x Westmount	5,325	42,275	132,700
Ontario	1,510,734	1,820,222	4,963,446
Belleville	18,800	17,125	127,925
x Brantford	7,507	35,361	35,154
Chatham	8,600	9,360	11,300
x Fort William	63,200	40,850	36,450
Galt	12,438	13,151	20,045
x Guelph	16,580	11,100	24,185
x Hamilton	111,000	97,750	489,000
x Kingston	108,390	88,910	71,351
x Kitchener	19,027	137,664	73,981
x London	62,790	87,180	193,915
Niagara Falls	9,802	36,002	21,740
Oshawa	5,539	8,685	8,865
x Ottawa	131,390	144,775	647,255
Owen Sound	2,200	4,600	14,025
x Peterborough	16,255	11,360	37,175
x Port Arthur	156,250	17,666	31,685
x Stratford	7,428	4,200	10,593
x St. Catharines	14,123	11,919	18,542
x St. Thomas	3,874	13,750	625
Sarnia	15,407	5,035	15,675
Sault Ste. Marie	12,630	9,453	47,275
x Toronto	514,482	817,173	1,701,673
York & East York Townships	170,628	157,188	1,184,565
Welland	3,790	21,080	34,015
x Windsor	2,945	10,625	58,640
East Windsor	1,090	Nil	5,000
Riverside	-	-	5,075
Sandwich	900	5,650	7,625
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	3,000
Woodstock	10,669	2,610	26,692
Manitoba	1,107,842	198,567	577,637
x Brandon	6,757	4,997	7,377
St. Boniface	28,335	54,370	19,260
x Winnipeg	1,072,750	139,200	551,000
Saskatchewan	365,050	195,477	266,385
x Moose Jaw	9,350	160,152	4,280
x Regina	25,695	18,175	54,555
x Saskatoon	330,005	17,150	207,550
Alberta	430,633	430,986	433,652
x Calgary	74,008	250,279	213,355
x Edmonton	346,980	160,400	190,830
Lethbridge	9,060	12,512	25,765
Medicine Hat	585	7,795	3,702
British Columbia	261,980	288,347	992,833
Kamloops	11,375	4,080	18,964
Nanaimo	75	1,225	3,285
x New Westminster	15,145	8,260	54,250
Prince Rupert	3,965	1,020	23,250
x Vancouver	203,465	211,950	826,910
North Vancouver	1,700	5,490	17,784
x Victoria	26,255	56,322	48,390
Total - 61 Cities	5,289,506	4,237,160	12,115,291
x Total - 35 Cities	4,950,568	3,824,429	10,436,704

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1932,
AND JUNE, 1931. AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$4,386,349; this was a decrease of \$903,157 or 17.1 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$5,289,506, while in comparison with June, 1931, there was also a decline of \$4,207,609, or 49.0 p.c., the value for that month having been \$8,593,958. The aggregate for the first six months of 1932, viz., \$22,577,143, was lower than in 1931 and also than in any other year of the record; in this connection, however, it is important to note the considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index having fallen from 144.5 in January-June, 1920, to 78.6 during the first half of the present year, or by 45.6 p.c. The 1926 average equals 100 in calculating these index numbers.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued nearly 400 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,100,000 and some 2,100 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,200,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 400 dwellings and some 2,700 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,250,000 and \$3,800,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1932, was recorded in Quebec and Ontario, where there were increases of 4.7 p.c. and 36.5 p.c., respectively. Of the declines elsewhere, that of \$973,147, or 87.3 p.c., in Manitoba was largest.

As compared with June, 1931, there were decreases in all provinces except Nova Scotia, Ontario reporting the greatest loss of \$1,903,971 or 48.0 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with the preceding month, but a decline as compared with the corresponding month in 1931, while Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, Sherbrooke, Guelph, Niagara Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Woodstock and Nanaimo indicated improvement over May, 1932, and June, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

Year	Value of Permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100).
1932	\$4,386,349	\$22,577,143	28.7	78.6
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.6
1930	18,621,437	85,413,985	108.4	98.6
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.6
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	97.0
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.6
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,834	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,532	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was very much lower than in the first half of 1931 or any previous year of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was also lower than in any of the last twelve years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1932, and June, 1931; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1932	May, 1932	June, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	- \$	- \$	- \$
Nova Scotia	92,269	106,340	89,740
x Halifax	88,655	95,230	74,755
New Glasgow	1,050	2,450	13,075
x Sydney	2,564	8,660	1,910
New Brunswick	39,004	40,289	135,860
Fredericton	2,800	3,900	33,795
x Moncton	5,700	12,390	35,700
x Saint John	30,504	23,999	66,365
Quebec	1,534,862	1,466,638	2,433,114
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,420,337	1,310,691	2,078,663
x Quebec	52,250	115,407	284,791
Shawinigan Falls	3,700	2,000	3,800
x Sherbrooke	28,400	19,800	14,700
x Three Rivers	8,110	13,415	3,900
x Westmount	22,065	5,325	47,260
Ontario	2,062,396	1,510,734	3,966,367
Belleville	13,735	18,800	3,105
x Brantford	6,765	7,507	21,538
Chatham	9,530	8,600	16,550
x Fort William	23,250	63,200	56,850
Galt	9,664	12,438	27,373
x Guelph	38,257	16,580	10,065
x Hamilton	149,350	111,000	326,800
x Kingston	28,117	108,390	143,435
x Kitchener	37,155	19,027	120,987
x London	49,450	62,790	110,505
Niagara Falls	105,550	9,802	14,640
Oshawa	6,180	5,539	13,070
x Ottawa	260,390	131,390	504,905
Owen Sound	Nil	2,200	3,500
x Peterborough	16,765	16,255	72,790
x Port Arthur	12,207	156,250	35,205
x Stratford	7,052	7,428	16,702
x St. Catharines	17,850	14,123	54,792
x St. Thomas	1,255	3,874	61,090
Sarnia	8,433	15,407	4,765
Sault Ste. Marie	33,860	12,630	13,209
x Toronto	375,591	514,482	1,615,159
York & East York Townships	126,370	170,628	599,351
Welland	8,235	3,790	13,745
x Windsor	698,850	2,945	63,465
East Windsor	100	1,090	1,750
Riverside	-	Nil	2,060
Sandwich	Nil	900	2,025
Walkerville	1,000	3,000	20,000
Woodstock	17,435	10,669	16,936
Manitoba	134,695	1,107,842	577,404
x Brandon	2,320	6,757	10,294
St. Boniface	3,925	28,335	7,560
x Winnipeg	128,450	1,072,750	559,550
Saskatchewan	86,685	365,050	337,441
x Moose Jaw	2,675	9,350	83,106
x Regina	22,370	25,695	145,815
x Saskatoon	61,640	330,005	108,520
Alberta	248,582	430,633	400,761
x Calgary	74,344	74,008	183,781
x Edmonton	171,345	346,980	187,485
Lethbridge	2,293	9,060	19,130
Medicine Hat	600	585	10,365
British Columbia	187,856	261,980	653,271
Kamloops	8,050	11,375	4,430
Nanaimo	4,300	75	2,000
x New Westminster	9,790	15,145	41,610
Prince Rupert	4,505	3,965	9,610
x Vancouver	126,650	203,465	530,565
North Vancouver	985	1,700	9,430
x Victoria	33,576	26,255	55,626
Total - 61 Cities	4,386,349	5,289,506	8,593,958
xTotal - 35 Cities	4,014,049	4,950,568	7,738,684

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1932,
AND JULY, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a decrease of \$161,101, or 3.7 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, and there was also a decline of \$6,815,436, or 61.7 p.c., as compared with July, 1931. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1932, was \$4,227,173, as against \$4,388,274 in June, 1932, and \$11,042,609 in July, 1931. The total for the first seven months of 1932, (viz., \$26,806,241), was lower than in earlier years of the record, but it should be noted that there has also been a very considerable decline in the wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index (average 1926=100) having fallen from 144.3 in the first seven months of 1920 to 78.2 in the period January-July, 1932, or by 45.8 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 450 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,000,000, and some 1,800 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$3,200,000. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,100,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1932, were reported in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the largest gain being that of \$585,390, or 38.1 p.c., in Quebec. On the other hand, there were reductions of 46.0 p.c. in Ontario and 23.3 p.c. in Alberta.

In comparison with July, 1931, all provinces showed declines, that of \$3,843,385, or 77.5 p.c., in Ontario being greatest.

The four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, reported increases over June, 1932, but decreases as compared with July, 1931. Of the other centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Brandon and Moose Jaw showed gains as compared with both June, 1932, and July, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average =100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in July	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months, (1926 =100).	Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months, (1926 average = 100)
1932	\$ 4,227,173	\$26,806,241	27.5	78.2
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.6
1930	15,824,781	101,232,766	103.9	98.9
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.5
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	97.3
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.7
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,621,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.9
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,427,755	77.5	144.3

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less than in 1931 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, continued lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1932, and July, 1931; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1932	June, 1932	July, 1931
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$-	\$-	\$-
Nova Scotia	119,646	92,269	299,123
x Halifax	104,611	88,655	276,895
New Glasgow	1,160	1,050	13,995
x Sydney	13,875	2,564	8,233
New Brunswick	87,782	39,004	91,635
Fredericton	5,300	2,800	2,475
x Moncton	58,275	5,700	69,830
x Saint John	24,207	30,504	19,330
Quebec	2,120,252	1,534,862	3,985,987
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,813,782	1,420,337	3,652,045
x Quebec	240,680	52,250	205,687
Shawinigan Falls	125	3,700	3,800
x Sherbrooke	46,300	28,400	18,000
x Three Rivers	7,665	8,110	6,350
x Westmount	11,700	22,065	100,105
Ontario	1,115,392	2,064,321 ^{1/}	4,958,777
Belleville	5,970	13,735	21,735
x Brantford	13,020	6,765	18,384
Chatham	1,785	9,530	5,500
x Fort William	28,200	23,250	38,450
Galt	8,015	9,664	15,505
x Guelph	8,448	38,257	16,874
x Hamilton	186,700	149,350	878,700
x Kingston	7,625	28,117	49,817
x Kitchener	2,087	37,155	41,599
x London	34,845	49,450	109,920
Niagara Falls	1,824	105,550	5,815
Oshawa	1,100	6,180	1,860
x Ottawa	115,085	260,390	440,505
Owen Sound	6,100	Nil	15,000
x Peterborough	7,991	16,765	19,536
x Port Arthur	30,460	12,207	24,255
x Stratford	3,973	7,052	10,515
x St. Catharines	50,084	17,850	28,117
x St. Thomas	2,350	1,255	45,140
Sarnia	3,581	8,433	20,390
Sault Ste. Marie	13,337	33,860	18,638
x Toronto	394,054	375,591	2,490,534
York & East York Townships	115,275	126,370	560,675
Welland	2,540	8,235	28,420
x Windsor	65,750	698,850	29,135
East Windsor	Nil	100	1,350
Riverside	Nil	1,925 ^{1/}	10,400
Sandwich	-	Nil	1,400
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	4,193	17,435	9,508
Manitoba	201,525	134,695	347,400
x Brandon	6,250	2,320	4,200
St. Boniface	3,275	3,925	17,050
x Winnipeg	192,000	128,450	326,150
Saskatchewan	87,686	86,685	232,807
x Moose Jaw	71,383	2,675	66,382
x Regina	6,508	22,370	66,985
x Saskatoon	9,795	61,640	99,440
Alberta	190,542	248,582	299,053
x Calgary	68,357	74,344	158,811
x Edmonton	112,395	171,345	115,965
Lethbridge	8,970	2,293	19,442
Medicine Hat	820	600	4,835
British Columbia	304,348	187,856	827,827
Kamloops	825	8,050	8,215
Nanaimo	3,250	4,300	950
x New Westminster	17,150	9,790	56,000
Prince Rupert	10,440	4,505	39,455
x Vancouver	232,810	126,650	660,910
North Vancouver	4,965	985	6,740
x Victoria	34,908	33,576	55,557
Total - 61 cities	4,227,173	4,388,274 ^{1/}	11,042,609
Total x- 35 cities	4,023,323	4,014,049	10,208,356

^{1/} Includes Riverside, not included in report for June, 1932.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1932,
AND AUGUST, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1932.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1932, as compared with July, while in comparison with August of last year, there was also a considerable reduction; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,331,278, as compared with \$4,227,173 in July, 1932, and \$8,201,879 in August, 1931. There was, therefore, a decrease of 21.2 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 59.4 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year, viz., \$30,137,519, was lower than in 1931 and other years of the record; in considering these data, however, it should be noted that there has also been a very significant decline in wholesale costs of building materials, the Bureau's index, based on the 1926 average as 100, having fallen from 156.3 in the first eight months of 1920, to 78.0 in the period, January-August, 1932, or by slightly over 50 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 300 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$900,000, and more than 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,200,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 450 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,000,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively.

British Columbia reported a gain of \$420,090, or 138.0 p.c., as compared with July, 1932. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$975,131, or 46.0 p.c., in Quebec was greatest.

British Columbia also reported a slightly higher aggregate of building permits issued than in August of last year, there being an increase of \$13,762, or 1.9 p.c. Declines in this comparison were recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$2,504,798, or 71.9 p.c., in Ontario being most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Vancouver showed improvement as compared with both July, 1932, and August, 1931, while Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reported decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Kingston, Peterborough, Walkerville, Woodstock, Lethbridge, Nanaimo and North Vancouver recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-32.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926 average = 100).
1932	\$ 3,331,278	\$30,137,519	27.6	78.0
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.4
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.6
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	97.5
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.8
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	101.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	104.3
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.1
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.7
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	156.3

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was less than in earlier years of the record, but as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also much lower than in any other year of this record.

Table 1 gives the value of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1932, and August, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1932	July, 1932	August, 1931
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	57,325	119,646	326,365
x Halifax	66,615	104,611	274,865
New Glasgow	380	1,160	350
x Sydney	300	13,875	51,150
New Brunswick	50,814	87,782	170,670
Fredericton	800	5,300	43,950
x Moncton	22,675	58,275	32,335
x Saint John	27,339	24,207	94,385
Quebec	1,145,111	2,120,252	2,500,138
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	972,710	1,813,782	2,092,913
x Quebec	99,291	240,680	251,960
Shawinigan Falls	-	125	8,760
x Sherbrooke	32,200	46,300	44,900
x Three Rivers	8,035	7,665	28,025
x Westmount	32,875	11,700	73,550
Ontario	976,966	1,115,392	3,481,764
Belleville	Nil	5,970	9,600
x Brantford	991	13,020	6,912
Chatham	1,600	1,785	8,500
x Fort William	11,850	28,200	10,250
Galt	13,870	8,015	19,070
x Guelph	12,794	8,448	19,458
x Hamilton	71,800	186,700	253,500
x Kingston	29,672	7,625	28,810
x Kitchener	25,115	2,087	56,935
x London	26,650	34,845	236,950
Niagara Falls	900	1,824	6,487
Oshawa	500	1,100	20,505
x Ottawa	74,965	115,085	165,655
Owen Sound	1,475	6,100	5,000
x Peterborough	99,800	7,991	20,338
x Port Arthur	4,780	30,460	17,761
x Stratford	5,966	3,973	6,649
x St. Catharines	21,790	50,084	32,440
x St. Thomas	1,310	2,350	1,790
Sarnia	3,607	3,581	11,503
Sault Ste. Marie	28,631	13,337	201,345
x Toronto	381,316	394,054	1,842,807
York & East York Townships	118,600	115,275	460,777
Welland	9,040	2,540	12,990
x Windsor	13,300	65,750	11,235
East Windsor	500	Nil	2,100
Riverside	-	Nil	3,280
Sandwich	-	-	3,150
Walkerville	4,000	1,000	Nil
Woodstock	12,144	4,193	5,967
Manitoba	171,465	201,525	253,582
x Brandon	725	6,250	3,752
St. Boniface	10,240	3,275	21,680
x Winnipeg	160,500	192,000	228,150
Saskatchewan	36,530	87,686	177,780
x Moose Jaw	260	71,383	2,610
x Regina	19,045	6,508	64,095
x Saskatoon	17,225	9,795	111,075
Alberta	158,629	190,542	580,904
x Calgary	54,941	68,357	203,154
x Edmonton	76,080	112,395	342,840
Lethbridge	22,258	8,970	14,520
Medicine Hat	5,350	820	20,390
British Columbia	724,438	304,348	710,676
Kamloops	3,055	825	4,983
Nanaimo	3,776	3,250	1,175
x New Westminster	15,597	17,150	26,050
Prince Rupert	2,450	10,440	16,000
x Vancouver	633,820	232,810	571,530
North Vancouver	36,655	4,965	7,370
x Victoria	29,085	34,908	83,108
Total - 61 Cities	3,331,278	4,227,173	8,201,879
x Total - 35 Cities	3,051,447	4,023,323	7,291,967

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1932,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$2,203,230; this was a decrease of \$1,128,048, or 33.9 p.c., as compared with the total of \$3,331,278 in August, 1932, and of \$8,204,769, or 78.8 p.c., in comparison with the aggregate of \$10,407,999 recorded in September of last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000, and over 1,800 permits for other buildings valued at over \$1,000,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 300 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

Saskatchewan reported an increase in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1932, but elsewhere there were declines, that of \$689,796, or 60.2 p.c. in Quebec being greatest.

As compared with September, 1931, there were losses in all provinces. In this comparison also Quebec showed the largest loss of \$4,039,086, or 89.9 p.c.

The larger cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Sydney, Westmount, Chatham, Fort William, Niagara Falls, St. Thomas, East Windsor, Brandon, Kamloops and Nanaimo showed increases as compared with both August, 1932, and September, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
1932	\$ 2,203,230	\$ 32,340,749	26.9	77.3
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	83.8
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	94.1
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.6
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	97.8
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	95.8
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	104.2
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.3
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.7
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	155.3

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower than in 1931 and earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also much lower in 1932 than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1932, and September, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	September, 1932	August, 1932	September, 1931
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	51,008	67,325	179,207
x Halifax	39,908	66,645	172,512
New Glasgow	380	380	1,275
x Sydney	10,720	300	5,420
New Brunswick	19,989	50,814	841,469
Fredericton	-	800	15,890
x Moncton	-	22,675	81,900
x Saint John	19,989	27,339	743,679
Quebec	455,315	1,145,111	4,494,401
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	337,560	972,710	3,374,719
x Quebec	61,245	99,291	1,053,702
Shawinigan Falls	1,900	-	3,675
x Sherbrooke	10,500	32,200	24,100
x Three Rivers	1,180	8,035	16,755
x Westmount	42,930	32,875	21,450
Ontario	900,379	976,966	3,677,175
Belleville	7,900	Nil	8,650
x Brantford	9,061	991	29,048
Chatham	6,100	1,600	925
x Fort William	76,000	11,850	21,850
Galt	3,371	13,870	77,525
x Guelph	13,665	12,794	19,135
x Hamilton	104,900	71,800	226,600
x Kingston	22,315	29,672	30,399
x Kitchener	13,292	25,115	40,535
x London	35,480	26,650	122,520
Niagara Falls	1,503	900	1,420
Oshawa	5,100	500	16,585
x Ottawa	67,555	74,965	74,015
Owen Sound	640	1,475	6,450
x Peterborough	1,395	99,800	8,555
x Port Arthur	14,394	4,780	79,870
x Stratford	3,355	5,966	31,915
x St. Catharines	8,939	21,790	35,950
x St. Thomas	13,625	1,310	2,205
Sarnia	5,330	3,607	13,308
Sault Ste. Marie	10,920	28,631	21,380
x Toronto	317,419	381,316	2,255,010
York & East York Townships	129,035	118,600	483,030
Welland	1,450	9,040	48,582
x Windsor	8,475	13,300	4,370
East Windsor	8,040	500	750
Riverside	-	-	1,200
Sandwich	-	-	625
Walkerville	1,000	4,000	5,000
Woodstock	10,120	12,144	9,768
Manitoba	131,620	171,465	204,752
x Brandon	7,450	725	7,152
St. Boniface	6,120	10,240	5,200
x Winnipeg	118,050	160,500	192,400
Saskatchewan	51,800	36,530	152,920
x Moose Jaw	910	260	18,900
x Regina	18,080	19,045	39,525
x Saskatoon	32,810	17,225	94,495
Alberta	153,798	158,629	332,888
x Calgary	70,373	54,941	141,184
x Edmonton	73,625	76,080	99,970
Lethbridge	8,195	22,258	90,144
Medicine Hat	1,105	5,350	1,590
British Columbia	439,321	724,438	525,187
Kamloops	8,900	3,055	6,745
Nanaimo	4,766	3,776	2,375
x New Westminster	13,890	15,597	24,480
Prince Rupert	2,425	2,450	3,290
x Vancouver	383,720	633,820	449,340
North Vancouver	4,195	36,655	725
x Victoria	21,425	29,085	38,232
Total - 61 Cities	2,203,230	3,331,278	10,407,999
xTotal - 35 Cities	1,974,735	3,051,447	9,581,892

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1932,
AND OCTOBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1932.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$3,056,137; this was an increase of \$852,607, or 38.7 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,203,530, but a decline of \$5,386,490, or 63.8 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$8,442,627 for October, 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,400,000, and about 2,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,650,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, the estimated cost in each category being about \$1,000,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1932, that of \$833,575, or 183.1 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The largest decrease in this comparison was that of \$186,492, or 42.5 p.c. in British Columbia.

In comparison with October, 1931, there were declines in all provinces; Quebec reported the most pronounced losses, amounting to \$2,310,160, or 64.2 p.c.

Montreal and Toronto showed an increase over September, 1932, but a reduction as compared with October, 1931, while Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Hamilton, Sandwich, Woodstock and Nanaimo reported increases over both September, 1932, and October, 1931.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1932.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926 =100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued first ten months, (1926=100).	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1932	\$ 3,056,137	\$35,396,886	26.2	77.7
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	83.0
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	93.3
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.6
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	97.9
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.8
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	104.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.7
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.7
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.6
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	154.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was lower than in 1931 and other years since 1920, but in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also much lower than in any other of these twelve years; from its peak of 154.4 in 1920, the index has dropped to 77.7 in the same ten months of the present year, or by 49.7 p.c.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	October, 1932	September, 1932	October, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ Nil	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	102,399	51,008	267,010
x Halifax	91,995	39,908	257,798
New Glasgow	2,200	380	6,700
x Sydney	8,204	10,720	2,512
New Brunswick	36,160	19,989	64,853
Fredericton	1,500	-	17,000
x Moncton	5,220	-	12,920
x Saint John	29,440	19,989	34,933
Quebec	1,288,890	455,315	3,599,050
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,149,200	337,560	3,129,122
x Quebec	68,440	61,245	365,093
Shawinigan Falls	-	1,900	15,005
x Sherbrooke	11,600	10,500	67,500
x Three Rivers	650	1,180	8,550
x Westmount	59,000	42,930	13,780
Ontario	1,153,555	900,679	3,013,537
Belleville	29,300	7,900	13,935
x Brantford	4,955	9,061	48,291
Chatham	5,515	6,100	6,050
x Fort William	7,700	76,000	30,150
Galt	3,398	3,371	2,440
x Guelph	15,244	13,665	15,413
x Hamilton	347,700	104,900	205,450
x Kingston	19,315	22,315	24,739
x Kitchener	32,826	13,292	67,167
x London	30,630	35,480	84,700
Niagara Falls	2,360	1,503	29,045
Oshawa	4,090	5,100	1,030
x Ottawa	90,225	67,555	160,640
Owen Sound	2,800	640	5,000
x Peterborough	8,490	1,395	31,850
x Port Arthur	11,785	14,394	80,236
x Stratford	12,164	3,355	14,810
x St. Catharines	8,327	8,939	69,285
x St. Thomas	627	13,625	4,750
Sarnia	3,485	5,330	15,404
Sault Ste. Marie	9,256	10,920	10,517
x Toronto	382,757	317,419	1,668,826
York & East York Townships	90,775	129,035	337,187
Welland	10,510	1,450	12,349
x Windsor	5,772	8,475	22,667
East Windsor	225	8,040	590
Riverside	200	300	450
Sandwich	1,000	-	875
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	43,000
Woodstock	11,124	10,120	6,691
Manitoba	79,140	131,620	199,582
x Brandon	1,025	7,450	2,162
St. Boniface	6,115	6,120	8,020
x Winnipeg	72,000	118,050	189,400
Saskatchewan	25,085	51,800	605,171
x Moose Jaw	475	910	18,786
x Regina	9,300	18,080	519,210
x Saskatoon	15,310	32,810	67,175
Alberta	118,079	153,798	282,903
x Calgary	60,819	70,873	154,165
x Edmonton	48,200	73,625	90,710
Lethbridge	7,815	8,195	21,928
Medicine Hat	1,245	1,105	16,100
British Columbia	252,829	439,321	410,521
x Kamloops	8,165	8,900	9,255
Nanaimo	18,746	4,766	200
x New Westminster	8,905	13,890	23,796
Prince Rupert	1,585	2,425	3,885
x Vancouver	176,498	383,720	323,875
North Vancouver	3,900	4,195	6,090
x Victoria	35,030	21,425	43,420
Total - 61 Cities	3,056,137	2,203,530	8,442,627
xTotal - 35 Cities	2,829,828	1,974,735	7,853,881

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1932,
AND NOVEMBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$2,505,309. This was a seasonal decline of \$570,828 or 18.6 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$3,076,137, and a reduction of \$4,776,808, or 65.6 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1931, figure of \$7,282,117.

Some 50 out of the 61 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$630,000, and about 1,400 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,800,000. In addition, authority was granted for engineering projects valued at \$15,122. During October, the erection of about 350 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings was authorized at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,400,000 and \$1,650,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia and Ontario reported increases of 6.2 p.c. and 29.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building authorized as compared with October. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$679,836, or 52.7 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1931, New Brunswick reported an increase, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$2,465,396, or 80.2 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded decreases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November of a year ago, while in Toronto, the aggregate value was higher than in the preceding month, but lower than in November of last year. Of the other centres, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Kitchener, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas and Medicine Hat reported greater values of building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100).
1932	\$ 2,505,309	\$ 37,922,575	26.2	77.7
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.7
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.5
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	98.0
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.7
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.2
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	103.8
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.2
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.7
1922	11,182,030	130,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	153.4

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was lower than in 1931 and other years since 1920, but in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also much lower than in any other of these twelve years; from the high point of 153.4 in 1920, this index had declined to 77.7 in the same eleven months of the present year, or by 49.3 p.c.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1932, and November, 1931. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	November, 1932	October, 1932	November, 1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ Nil	\$ -
Nova Scotia	108,703	102,399	151,860
x Halifax	108,123	91,995	149,285
New Glasgow	380	2,200	365
x Sydney	200	8,204	2,210
New Brunswick	25,308	36,160	5,015
Fredericton	Nil	1,500	625
x Moncton	5,880	5,220	Nil
x Saint John	19,428	29,440	4,390
Quebec	609,054	1,288,890	3,074,450
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	248,174	1,149,200	2,622,850
x Quebec	319,895	68,440	386,800
Shawinigan Falls	4,135	-	925
x Sherbrooke	4,000	11,600	28,000
x Three Rivers	200	650	33,775
x Westmount	32,650	59,000	2,100
Ontario	1,521,759	1,173,555	3,142,363
Belleville	125	29,300	11,250
x Brantford	1,822	4,955	36,037
Chatham	200	5,515	4,400
x Fort William	21,500	7,700	70,200
Galt	2,760	3,398	3,830
x Guelph	9,587	15,244	14,430
x Hamilton	44,950	347,700	434,900
x Kingston	7,310	19,315	22,484
x Kitchener	37,474	32,826	22,441
x London	37,985	30,630	107,190
Niagara Falls	2,145	2,360	8,455
Oshawa	6,665	4,090	5,685
x Ottawa	38,440	90,225	193,330
Owen Sound	1,100	2,800	Nil
x Peterborough	6,383	8,490	33,540
x Port Arthur	25,226	11,785	11,631
x Stratford	1,635	12,164	3,825
x St. Catharines	17,920	8,327	52,575
x St. Thomas	3,525	627	600
Sarnia	4,880	3,485	20,565
Sault Ste. Marie	950	9,256	24,589
x Toronto	1,197,314	382,757	1,397,392
York & East York Townships	46,249	110,775	550,193
Welland	1,070	10,510	2,470
x Windsor	1,660	5,772	83,129
East Windsor	Nil	225	3,000
Riverside	Nil	200	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	1,000	580
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	8,000
Woodstock	2,884	11,124	15,642
Manitoba	30,400	79,140	219,705
x Brandon	Nil	1,025	4,700
St. Boniface	300	6,115	8,905
x Winnipeg	30,100	72,000	206,100
Saskatchewan	23,245	25,085	106,022
x Moose Jaw	100	475	42,357
x Regina	12,450	9,300	24,640
x Saskatoon	10,695	15,310	39,025
Alberta	50,619	118,079	172,799
x Calgary	15,934	60,819	100,691
x Edmonton	13,485	48,200	43,525
Lethbridge	50	7,815	11,858
Medicine Hat	21,150	1,245	16,725
British Columbia	136,221	252,829	409,903
Kamloops	1,940	8,165	3,135
Nanaimo	2,504	18,746	3,100
x New Westminster	9,305	8,905	19,900
Prince Rupert	275	1,585	7,695
x Vancouver	111,893	176,498	335,740
North Vancouver	145	3,900	1,131
x Victoria	10,159	35,030	39,202
Total - 61 Cities	2,505,309	3,076,137	7,282,117
xTotal - 35 Cities	2,405,402	2,829,828	6,568,994

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1932, AND DECEMBER, 1931, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1932.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1932, represented construction work valued at \$1,480,731, as compared with \$2,505,309 in November, 1932, and \$7,895,106 in December, 1931. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$1,024,578 or 40.9 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$6,414,375 or 81.2 p.c. in comparison with the high total for the same month of 1931. In this record, which goes back to 1920, the December, 1932, figure was exceeded by the total for December of each year from 1920-1931, but the wholesale costs of building materials, as measured by the Bureau's index number, were lower than in any other year since 1920.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued almost 100 permits for dwellings valued at some \$350,000 and over 600 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$900,000. There was also one permit in St. Boniface for engineering work at a cost of \$100,000. During November, the construction of some 200 dwellings and 1,400 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$630,000 and \$1,800,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Manitoba alone, registered an increase in the value of the authorized building, showing a gain of \$84,350, or 27.7 p.c. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces. While the absolute decreases were \$582,834 or 38.3 p.c. in Ontario and \$349,114 or 57.3 p.c. in Quebec, the relative decreases of \$20,015 or 90.4 p.c. in Saskatchewan and \$30,194 or 59.6 p.c. in Alberta were most pronounced.

All provinces except New Brunswick recorded decreases as compared with December, 1931, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec and Ontario reported the most marked losses of \$2,825,870 or 91.5 p.c. and \$2,927,747 or 75.7 p.c., respectively.

Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed decreases in the value of the building permits issued as compared both with November, 1932, and December, 1931. Saint John, Belleville, Moose Jaw and Prince Rupert recorded advances in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1932.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1932 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1932 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-1932. (Average 1926=100).

	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100).
1932	\$ 1,480,731	\$ 39,403,306	25.2	77.6
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	82.6
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	98.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.7
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	103.8
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.7
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.7
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.6
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	152.4

The unrevised statistics for 1932 indicate that last year's aggregate was the smallest since 1920; it should also be noted, however, that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in November and December, 1932, and December, 1931. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Estimated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s	December	November	December
	1932	1931	1931
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	48,900	108,703	70,355
x Halifax	48,525	108,123	70,305
New Glasgow	375	380	50
x Sydney	Nil	200	Nil
New Brunswick	22,655	25,308	7,315
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	215	5,830	360
x Saint John	22,440	19,423	6,955
Quebec	260,940	609,054	3,086,810
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	215,805	248,174	2,982,690
x Quebec	12,035	319,895	83,195
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	4,135	500
x Sherbrooke	2,200	4,000	9,300
x Three Rivers	500	200	9,000
x Westmount	30,400	32,650	2,125
Ontario	938,925	1,521,759	3,866,672
Belleville	2,650	125	Nil
x Brantford	2,155	1,822	55,953
Chatham	2,800	200	56,400
x Fort William	150	21,500	10,200
Galt	405	2,760	26,862
x Guelph	1,785	9,587	10,116
x Hamilton	11,600	14,950	557,250
x Kingston	8,230	7,310	19,277
x Kitchener	7,560	37,474	22,394
x London	21,995	37,985	50,225
Niagara Falls	300	2,145	15,521
Oshawa	375	6,665	900
x Ottawa	47,540	38,140	96,810
Owen Sound	Nil	1,100	4,500
x Peterborough	555	6,383	200
x Port Arthur	2,935	25,226	2,970
x Stratford	1,535	1,635	7,745
x St. Catharines	2,100	17,920	22,527
x St. Thomas	Nil	3,525	Nil
Sarnia	886	4,380	14,522
Sault Ste. Marie	2,430	950	9,825
x Toronto	805,352	1,197,314	2,630,181
York & East York Townships	9,374	46,249	164,685
Welland	1,725	1,070	6,150
x Windsor	2,275	1,660	66,625
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	3,556
Riverside	-	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	2,213	2,884	11,223
Manitoba	114,750	30,400	465,970
x Brandon	1,800	Nil	225,870
St. Boniface	100,050	300	163,600
x Winnipeg	12,900	30,100	76,500
Saskatchewan	2,230	23,245	27,978
x Moose Jaw	1,000	100	150
x Regina	630	12,450	25,728
x Saskatoon	600	10,695	2,100
Alberta	20,425	50,619	85,108
x Calgary	13,008	15,934	51,700
x Edmonton	5,960	13,485	4,890
Lethbridge	1,457	50	3,718
Medicine Hat	Nil	21,150	23,000
British Columbia	71,906	136,221	280,698
Kamloops	620	1,940	2,020
Nanaimo	175	2,504	24,125
x New Westminster	2,650	9,305	11,250
Prince Rupert	1,725	275	1,235
x Vancouver	53,660	111,893	215,900
North Vancouver	850	145	2,800
x Victoria	12,226	10,159	23,368
Total 61 Cities	1,480,731	2,505,309	7,895,106
Total 35 Cities	1,352,321	2,405,402	7,359,804

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1932, AND JANUARY, 1932.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1932; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$1,163,878, compared with \$1,480,731 in December, 1932, and \$2,761,929 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 21.4 p.c. in the first and of 57.9 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 90 permits for dwellings valued at about \$240,000, and nearly 600 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$640,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 100 dwellings and 600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$350,000 and \$900,000 respectively.

Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1932, the gain of \$254,981 or 11434.1 p.c. in Saskatchewan and of \$96,362, or 64.1 p.c. in British Columbia being most noteworthy. A particularly large increase in Saskatchewan was due to the issue of a \$243,000 permit for the Canadian Pacific Railway station at Regina. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$622,881, or 66.3 p.c. in Ontario was greatest.

As compared with January, 1932, Saskatchewan alone showed an increase. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$737,077 or 70.0 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

In Toronto, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with both the preceding month and the same month of last year, while in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1932. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Galt, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Regina, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Victoria, Welland and Windsor.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average =100)
1933	\$1,163,878	24.7	75.8
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.5
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.1
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.3
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.3
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.3
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1933 figure for January was lower than in any other year of this record, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1933, and December and January, 1932. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimates Cost of Building Work as Estimated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January, 1933	December, 1932	January, 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	-	-	-
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	37,435	48,900	77,386
New Glasgow	37,290	48,525	64,786
x Sydney	Nil	375	Nil
New Brunswick	145	Nil	12,600
Fredericton	5,680	22,655	7,740
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	- 1/	215	-
Quebec	5,680	22,440	7,740
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	328,365	260,940	929,925
x Quebec	308,190	215,805	865,360
Shawinigan Falls	11,875	12,035	34,865
x Sherbrooke	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Three Rivers	4,100	2,200	16,800
x Westmount	Nil	500	11,600
Ontario	4,200	30,400	1,300
Belleville	316,044	938,925	1,053,121
x Brantford	625	2,650	2,500
Chatham	425	2,155	46,064
x Fort William	800	2,800	1,700
Galt	200	150	8,700
x Guelph	3,345	405	745
x Hamilton	1,050	1,785	4,075
x Kingston	39,100	11,600	79,750
x Kitchener	565	8,230	13,375
x London	880	7,560	14,803
Niagara Falls	29,715	21,995	69,380
Oshawa	3,800	300	1,900
x Ottawa	Nil	375	1,450
Owen Sound	11,450	47,540	82,690
x Peterborough	2,200	Nil	3,500
x Port Arthur	1,100	555	800
x Stratford	1,065	2,935	3,950
x St. Catharines	625	1,535	1,390
x St. Thomas	997	2,100	21,250
Sarnia	9,820	Nil	1,789
Sault Ste. Marie	2,940	886	1,825
x Toronto	185	2,430	1,145
York & East York Townships	134,050	805,352	540,696
Welland	52,720	9,374	132,059
x Windsor	6,050	1,725	300
East Windsor	11,400	2,275	10,950
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	- 1/	-	-
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	Nil	Nil	3,000
Manitoba	937	2,213	3,335
x Brandon	17,350	114,750	106,315
St. Boniface	250	1,800	Nil
x Winnipeg	1,250	100,050	1,315
Saskatchewan	15,850	12,900	105,000
x Moose Jaw	257,211	2,230	34,490
x Regina	Nil	1,000	Nil
x Saskatoon	255,611	630	30,390
Alberta	1,600	600	4,100
x Calgary	33,525	20,425	170,651
x Edmonton	14,591	13,008	43,851
Lethbridge	6,110	5,960	22,700
Medicine Hat	12,824	1,457	110,100
British Columbia	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kamloops	168,268	71,906	376,301
Nanaimo	450	620	1,050
x New Westminster	455	175	3,926
Prince Rupert	2,000	2,650	7,500
x Vancouver	200	1,725	2,835
North Vancouver	145,230	53,660	339,360
x Victoria	210	850	4,060
Total - 61 Cities	19,723	12,226	17,570
Total - 35 Cities	1,163,878	1,480,731	2,761,929
1/ Reports not received.	1,074,887	1,352,321	2,425,184

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1933, AND FEBRUARY, 1932.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was lower by \$256,972 or 22.1 p.c. than in the preceding month, and was also less by \$1,938,365 or 68.1 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$906,906 during February, 1933, as compared with \$1,163,878 in January, 1933, and \$2,845,271 in February, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 80 permits for dwellings valued at about \$291,000 and more than 590 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$575,000. In addition, an engineering project, valued at \$10,000, was reported at Port Arthur. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 90 dwellings and 600 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$240,000 and \$640,000 respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1933; the largest gain, of \$32,701, took place in Ontario. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, those of \$249,091 or 96.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan, and \$113,790 or 34.7 p.c. in Quebec were most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1932 all provinces except New Brunswick and British Columbia recorded declines, that of \$911,097 or 72.3 p.c. in Ontario being most marked.

Of the larger cities, Vancouver recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1933, and also as compared with February, 1932. Toronto showed an increase in the first, but a reduction in the second instance, while in Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in both comparisons. Of the other cities, the following recorded increases in the value of the building authorized during February as compared with January, 1933, and also with February, 1932:—Fort William, Guelph, Kamloops, London, New Glasgow, Oshawa, Saint John, Stratford, Three Rivers and Victoria.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
1933	\$ 906,906	\$ 2,070,784	17.6	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,042	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1933 was lower than in the same months 1932 and earlier years of the record, but it should also be noted that the wholesale prices of building materials were also considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

Report of Building Work as Estimated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities

February,

January,

February,

P. E. I. - Charlottetown	1933	1933	1932
Nova Scotia	\$	\$	\$
x Halifax	29,600	37,435	66,400
New Glasgow	27,900	37,290	66,225
x Sydney	1,700	Nil	175
New Brunswick	Nil	145	Nil
Fredericton	14,565	5,680	14,055
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	Nil	Nil	11,600
Quebec	14,565	5,680	2,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	214,575	328,365	797,314
x Quebec	194,210	308,190	727,599
Shawinigan Falls	13,590	11,875	34,015
x Sherbrooke	1,300	Nil	5,000
x Three Rivers	2,200	4,100	25,900
x Westmount	775	Nil	600
Ontario	2,500	4,200	4,200
Bellville	348,745	316,044	1,259,842
x Brantford	Nil	625	200
Chatham	857	425	23,115
x Fort William	1,150	800	2,325
Galt	16,500	200	1,650
x Guelph	2,780	3,345	2,450
x Hamilton	10,260	1,050	6,270
x Kingston	5,800	39,100	105,300
x Kitchener	2,780	565	1,115
x London	4,435	880	31,335
Niagara Falls	34,855	29,715	32,245
Oshawa	350	3,800	5,230
x Ottawa	1,730	Nil	155
Owen Sound	42,525	11,450	139,710
x Peterborough	375	2,200	Nil
x Port Arthur	10	1,100	10,650
x Stratford	18,715	1,065	60
x St. Catharines	3,170	625	350
x St. Thomas	885	997	42,120
Sarnia	Nil	9,820	2,650
Sault Ste. Marie	1,760	2,940	2,365
x Toronto	5,085	185	8,000
York & East York Townships	152,792	134,050	690,874
Welland	33,986	52,720	97,295
x Windsor	4,750	6,050	2,160
East Windsor	2,600	11,400	14,300
Riverside	Nil	Nil	33,093
Sandwich	Nil	-	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	595	937	2,825
Manitoba	8,500	17,350	63,804
x Brandon	Nil	250	1,254
St. Boniface	750	1,250	50
x Winnipeg	7,750	15,850	62,500
Saskatchewan	8,120	257,211	217,819
x Moose Jaw	2,000	Nil	34,564
x Regina	5,670	255,611	19,926
x Saskatoon	450	1,600	163,329
Alberta	35,614	33,525	179,371
x Calgary	25,684	14,591	141,511
x Edmonton	9,065	6,110	30,465
Lethbridge	770	12,824	7,035
Medicine Hat	95	Nil	360
British Columbia	247,137	168,268	246,666
Kamloops	8,602	450	400
Nanaimo	1,120	455	5,300
x New Westminster	6,050	2,000	16,845
Prince Rupert	1,530	200	10,035
x Vancouver	195,875	145,230	193,665
North Vancouver	150	210	3,150
x Victoria	33,860	19,723	17,271
Total - 61 Cities	906,906	1,163,878	2,845,271
x Total - 35 Cities	838,328	1,074,887	2,934,267

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1933, AND
MARCH, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1933.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$934,555; this was an increase of \$26,649 or 2.9 p.c. over the February total of \$907,906, but a decrease of \$2,462,174 or 72.5 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$3,396,729 reported for the same month in 1932. Building costs, as shown by the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials, were, however, lower than in 1932 and in any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted nearly 115 permits for dwellings valued at almost \$245,000 and some 950 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$580,000. In addition, two centres reported that they had authorized engineering projects valued at approximately \$7,500. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 80 dwellings and nearly 590 other buildings, estimated to involve expenditures of approximately \$291,000 and \$575,000, respectively, while an engineering project, valued at \$10,000, was also reported.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gains were those of \$45,195 or 152.7 p.c. in Nova Scotia and \$22,810 or 268.4 p.c. in Manitoba. British Columbia alone showed a decline of \$109,233 or 44.2 p.c.

As compared with March, 1932, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick recorded increases; of the reductions, the largest was that of \$1,344,339 or 77.7 p.c. in Ontario.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Winnipeg registered a gain as compared with the preceding month, but a falling-off as compared with March of last year. Montreal and Vancouver showed declines in both comparisons.

Of the smaller centres, Chatham, Fort William, Fredericton, Halifax, Kamloops, Kitchener, Moncton, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Saint John, St. Thomas and Westmount, reported higher totals than in either February, 1933, or March, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in First Quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in First Quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in First Quarter (1926=100)
1933	934,555	\$ 3,016,339	13.4	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7 x
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7 x
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2 x
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5 x
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4 x
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1 x
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

x Revised figures.

The aggregate value of the building permits issued in the first quarter of 1933 was less than in the same period in any of the years since 1920, but, as already stated, the wholesale prices of building materials have this year been considerably lower than in the same period in any of the last twelve years.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	March, 1933	February, 1933	March, 1932.
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	Nil	Nil
Nova Scotia	74,795	29,600	55,850
x Halifax	74,595	27,900	50,560
New Glasgow	200	1,700	770
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	4,520
New Brunswick	27,450	15,565	15,755
Fredericton	5,000	Nil	1,500
x Moncton	5,550	1,000	1,750
x Saint John	16,900	14,565	12,505
Quebec	220,873	214,575	950,393
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	183,515	194,210	839,108
x Quebec	15,530	13,590	71,785
Shawinigan Falls	450	1,300	700
x Sherbrooke	2,000	2,200	14,000
x Three Rivers	1,525	775	24,150
x Westmount	17,853	2,500	650
Ontario	386,273	348,745	1,730,612
Belleville	Nil	Nil	2,400
x Brantford	2,879	857	20,028
Chatham	9,450	1,150	6,700
x Fort William	33,250	16,500	11,050
Galt	1,565	2,780	18,521
x Guelph	1,615	10,260	15,080
x Hamilton	28,825	5,800	113,500
x Kingston	3,112	2,780	12,645
x Kitchener	6,187	4,435	4,710
x London	44,175	34,855	79,060
Niagara Falls	2,016	350	690
Oshawa	1,425	1,730	1,475
x Ottawa	34,505	42,525	351,275
Owen Sound	6,900	375	Nil
x Peterborough	5,075	10	12,475
x Port Arthur	8,029	18,715	2,725
x Stratford	250	3,170	1,020
x St. Catharines	3,235	885	5,144
x St. Thomas	280	Nil	200
Sarnia	2,621	1,760	7,570
Sault Ste. Marie	975	5,085	12,067
x Toronto	168,202	152,792	630,668
York & East York Townships	15,730	33,986	385,509
Welland	2,000	4,750	5,750
x Windsor	3,240	2,600	13,475
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	994
Riverside	-	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	4,500
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	4,000
Woodstock	732	595	7,381
Manitoba	31,310	8,500	41,202
x Brandon	110	Nil	502
St. Boniface	Nil	750	4,850
x Winnipeg	31,200	7,750	35,850
Saskatchewan	17,325	8,120	248,773
x Moose Jaw	1,000	2,000	39,988
x Regina	10,385	5,670	94,500
x Saskatoon	5,940	450	114,285
Alberta	38,575	35,614	85,403
x Calgary	24,300	25,684	49,943
x Edmonton	12,205	9,065	31,410
Lethbridge	1,870	770	2,405
Medicine Hat	200	95	1,645
British Columbia	137,954	247,187	268,741
Kamloops	9,923	8,602	975
Nanaimo	725	1,120	8,215
x New Westminster	4,625	6,050	12,675
Prince Rupert	2,585	1,530	12,965
x Vancouver	97,730	195,875	186,715
North Vancouver	2,120	150	11,350
x Victoria	20,246	33,860	35,846
Total - 61 Cities	934,555	907,906	3,396,729
Total -x35 Cities	868,068	839,328	2,893,797

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1933,
AND APRIL, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$1,551,693 during April, as compared with \$934,555 in the preceding month, and \$4,370,863 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$617,138 or 66.0 p.c. in the first comparison, but a decrease of \$2,819,170, or 64.5 p.c. as compared with April, 1932. In considering these figures, it should be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials have this year averaged much lower than in any of the past thirteen years.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued some 200 permits for dwellings valued at over \$480,000 and for more than 1,500 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$950,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 115 dwellings and 950 other buildings, valued at approximately \$245,000 and \$580,000, respectively, while two engineering projects valued at approximately \$7,500 were also reported.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with March, 1933, the greatest gain of \$284,773 taking place in Ontario.

As compared with April, 1932, there were decreases in all provinces, that of \$1,289,501 or 65.8 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Each of the four larger cities, - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, but declines as compared with April, 1932. Of the smaller centres, Fredericton, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Woodstock, Brandon, Nanaimo and New Westminster reported increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued, as compared with March, 1933, and April, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920 - 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926 =100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average =100)
1933	\$ 1,551,693	\$ 4,568,032	11.0	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,873	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was lower than in the same period in any of the years since 1920; the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also decidedly lower than in any other year of the record, being 47.5 p.c. less than in the months January-April in 1920, when prices were at their maximum.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1933, and April, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1933	March, 1933.	April, 1932.
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia			Nil
x Halifax	64,250	74,795	213,207
New Glasgow	63,200	74,595	108,256
x Sydney	500	200	26,250
New Brunswick	550	Nil	78,701
Fredericton	47,543	27,450	260,290
x Moncton	6,725	5,000	2,700
x Saint John	1,297	5,550	32,140
Quebec	39,521	16,900	225,450
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	425,655	220,873	830,064
x Quebec	343,445	183,515	661,312
Shawinigan Falls	31,466	15,530	69,557
x Sherbrooke	740	450	7,350
x Three Rivers	11,800	2,000	17,600
x Westmount	1,845	1,525	31,970
Ontario	36,359	17,853	42,275
Belleville	671,046	386,273	1,960,547
x Brantford	5,450	Nil	17,125
Chatham	9,123	2,879	35,361
x Fort William	1,425	9,450	9,360
Galt	16,350	33,250	40,850
x Guelph	3,354	1,565	13,151
x Hamilton	3,475	1,615	11,100
x Kingston	40,200	28,825	97,750
x Kitchener	18,802	3,112	88,910
x London	14,451	6,187	137,664
Niagara Falls	18,855	44,175	87,180
Oshawa	797	2,016	36,002
x Ottawa	3,510	1,425	8,685
Owen Sound	105,350	34,505	144,775
x Peterborough	8,400	6,900	4,600
x Port Arthur	85,395	5,075	11,360
x Stratford	9,410	8,029	17,666
x St. Catharines	8,725	250	4,200
x St. Thomas	9,225	3,235	11,919
Sarnia	1,275	280	13,750
Sault Ste. Marie	3,385	2,621	5,035
x Toronto	3,925	975	9,453
York & East York Townships	212,653	168,202	957,497
Welland	62,730	15,730	157,188
x Windsor	16,175	2,000	21,080
East Windsor	2,430	3,240	10,625
Riverside	Nil	Nil	1
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	5,650
Woodstock	Nil	Nil	Nil
Manitoba	6,176	732	2,610
x Brandon	75,506	31,310	198,567
St. Boniface	17,731	110	4,997
x Winnipeg	1,175	Nil	54,370
Saskatchewan	56,600	31,200	139,200
x Moose Jaw	25,070	17,325	178,850
x Regina	1,100	1,000	61,095
x Saskatoon	8,600	10,385	18,175
Alberta	15,370	5,940	99,580
x Calgary	93,233	38,575	430,986
x Edmonton	25,992	24,300	250,279
Lethbridge	57,525	12,205	160,400
Medicine Hat	4,236	1,870	12,512
British Columbia	5,480	200	7,795
Kamloops	149,390	137,954	298,352
Nanaimo	5,635	9,923	4,080
x New Westminster	10,030	725	1,225
Prince Rupert	11,040	4,625	8,260
x Vancouver	500	2,585	1,025
North Vancouver	100,870	97,730	211,950
x Victoria	5,150	2,120	5,490
	16,165	20,246	66,322
Total - 61 Cities	1,551,693	934,555	4,370,863
Total -x 35 Cities	1,396,195	868,068	3,958,126

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1933,
AND JUNE, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1933.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$3,535,948; this was an increase of \$1,532,639, or 76.5 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$2,003,309, while in comparison with June, 1932, there was a decline of \$1,492,376, or 29.7 p.c., the value for that month having been \$5,028,324. In connection with these figures, it should be noted that wholesale costs of building materials have been lower in 1933 than in any other year of the record, averaging 75.8 in the first half of 1933, as compared with 76.8 in the first six months of 1932, the previous minimum since 1920, and with 144.5 in 1920, the maximum in the thirteen years considered. The 1926 average equals 100 in calculating these index numbers.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements showing that they had issued over 200 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,200,000 and some 1,700 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$2,300,000. During May, authority was given for the erection of over 300 dwellings and some 2,100 other buildings, valued at approximately \$700,000 and \$1,100,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1933, was recorded in New Brunswick, Québec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The largest increase, of \$1,250,691, or 235.3 p.c., occurred in Québec. On the other hand, there was a decline of 15.9 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

As compared with June, 1932, there were increases in Québec, Manitoba and British Columbia, that of \$109,459 or 55.3 p.c. in the last-named being largest. The remaining provinces showed decreases, Ontario reporting the greatest loss of \$1,346,470, or 57.4 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1933, and also with June, 1932, while Toronto showed a gain in the first but a decline in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, London, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, East Windsor, Regina, Lethbridge, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported improvement over May, 1933, and June, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same year are also given.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average =100).
1933	\$ 3,535,948	\$ 10,107,289	12.8	75.8
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was lower than in the first half of 1932 or any previous year of the record; however, the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was also lower than in any of the last thirteen years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1933, and June, 1932; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1933.	May, 1933.	June, 1932.
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	-	279,000
Nova Scotia	65,625	78,060	92,269
x Halifax	59,400	72,260	88,655
New Glasgow	1,600	5,800	1,050
x Sydney	4,625	Nil	2,564
New Brunswick	38,030	31,245	39,047
Fredericton	450	6,125	2,800
x Moncton	23,741	3,740	5,700
x Saint John	13,839	21,380	30,547
Quebec	1,782,286	531,595	1,535,862
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,665,780	469,051	1,420,337
x Quebec	48,851	38,996	52,250
Shawinigan Falls	36,760	1,200	3,700
x Sherbrooke	11,100	7,100	28,400
x Three Rivers	2,575	8,488	8,110
x Westmount	17,220	6,760	23,065
Ontario		901,469	2,346,308
Belleville	5,415	1,725	13,735
x Brantford	32,645	7,551	6,765
Chatham	3,550	1,000	9,530
x Fort William	33,150	25,750	23,250
Galt	16,921	15,431	9,664
x Guelph	10,038	13,892	38,257
x Hamilton	23,950	53,385	149,350
x Kingston	32,921	19,680	28,117
x Kitchener	17,520	12,542	37,155
x London	94,200	24,695	49,430
Niagara Falls	870	9,424	105,610
Oshawa	825	7,800	6,180
x Ottawa	125,455	91,245	261,390
Owen Sound	2,000	5,600	Nil
x Peterborough	9,355	5,370	16,765
x Port Arthur	21,535	14,255	13,831
x Stratford	6,450	5,840	7,052
x St. Catharines	25,632	7,515	17,850
x St. Thomas	1,871	2,435	1,255
Sarnia	2,236	17,515	8,433
Sault Ste. Marie	21,150	16,655	33,860
x Toronto	458,692	389,840	654,894
York & East York Townships	1/ 34,700	124,890	126,370
Welland	1,496	3,405	8,235
x Windsor	7,805	8,855	698,850
East Windsor	257	Nil	100
Riverside	Nil	2/ 1,000	1,925
Sandwich	75	250	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	8,124	12,924	17,435
Manitoba	139,140	132,780	134,697
x Brandon	4,450	6,695	2,322
St. Boniface	3,840	11,785	3,925
x Winnipeg	130,850	114,300	128,450
Saskatchewan	70,048	25,780	154,703
x Moose Jaw	21,325	2,325	23,932
x Regina	24,773	8,930	22,370
x Saskatoon	23,950	14,525	108,401
Alberta	133,666	96,815	248,582
x Calgary	51,106	37,617	74,344
x Edmonton	71,895	52,840	171,345
Lethbridge	10,615	5,858	2,293
Medicine Hat	50	500	600
British Columbia	307,315	205,565	197,856
Kamloops	2,660	2,750	8,050
Nanaimo	350	850	4,300
x New Westminster	38,710	5,690	9,790
Prince Rupert	225	2,535	4,505
x Vancouver	232,875	160,117	126,650
North Vancouver	6,450	2,773	985
x Victoria	26,045	30,850	43,576
Total - 61 Cities	3,535,948	2/ 2,003,309	5,028,324
Total - x35 Cities	3,374,329	1,744,514	4,375,039

1/ Report for East York not received.
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2/ Including Riverside, not shown in the

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1933,
AND JULY, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The value of the building authorized during July showed a decrease of \$1,453,646, or 41.1 p.c., as compared with the preceding month, and there was also a decline of \$2,329,867, or 52.8 p.c., as compared with July, 1932. The aggregate for the 61 cities in July, 1933, was \$2,082,302, as against \$3,535,948 in June, 1933, and \$4,412,169 in July, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued 265 permits for dwellings valued at over \$800,000, and some 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at about \$1,000,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$47,859 were authorized by three cities. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 200 dwellings and 1,700 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$2,300,000, respectively.

An increase over June, 1933, was reported in Nova Scotia, where the value of the permits issued was 12.3 p.c. higher in July. The remaining provinces showed declines, that of \$1,028,870 or 57.7 p.c. in Quebec being greatest.

In comparison with July, 1932, all provinces showed reductions, that of \$1,362,636 or 64.4 p.c., in Quebec being most pronounced.

The four largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, reported decreases as compared with June, 1933, and also as compared with July, 1932. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Stratford, St. Boniface and Kamloops showed gains as compared with both June, 1933, and July, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of Permits Issued in July	Value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months	Indexes of value of Permits Issued in First Seven Months (1926 = 100)	Average Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Building Materials in First Seven Months, (1926 average = 100)
1933	\$ 2,082,302	\$ 12,189,591	12.5	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was less than in 1932 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also lower than in any other of the last thirteen years, having fallen from 144.2 in the first seven months of 1920, to 76.5 in the period January - July 1933. This was a decline of 46.9 p.c.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1933, and July, 1932; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July 1933	June 1933	July 1932
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.-Charlottetown	-	-	2,500
Nova Scotia			
xHalifax	73,675	65,625	119,646
New Glasgow	67,835	59,400	104,611
xSydney	2,010	1,600	1,160
New Brunswick			
Fredericton	3,830	4,625	13,375
Moncton	12,915	38,030	87,782
xSaint John	150	450	5,300
Quebec	-	23,741	58,275
xMontreal- xMaisonneuve	12,765	13,839	24,207
xQuebec	753,416	1,782,286	2,116,052
Shawinigan Falls	468,152	1,665,780	1,809,582
xSherbrooke	86,444	48,851	240,680
xThree Rivers	3,825	36,760	125
xWestmount	84,600	11,100	46,300
Ontario			
Belleville	4,575	2,575	7,665
xBrantford	105,820	17,220	11,700
Chatham	875,142	999,838	1,172,503
xFort William	8,000	5,415	5,970
Galt	14,959	32,645	13,020
xGuelph	5,510	3,550	1,785
xHamilton	10,750	33,150	28,200
xKingston	16,874	16,921	8,015
xKitchener	14,241	10,038	8,448
xLondon	51,375	23,950	186,700
Niagara Falls	59,572	32,921	7,625
Oshawa	25,348	17,520	2,087
xOttawa	48,475	94,200	34,845
Owen Sound	8,379	870	1,824
xPeterborough	2,200	825	1,100
xPort Arthur	91,430	125,455	115,185
xStratford	1,300	2,000	6,100
xSt. Catharines	2,572	9,355	7,991
xSt. Thomas	4,055	21,535	30,510
Sarnia	25,987	6,450	3,973
Sault Ste. Marie	18,907	25,632	50,084
xToronto	1,616	1,871	2,350
York & East York Townships	3,274	2,236	3,581
Welland	4,170	21,150	13,337
xWindsor	385,945	458,692	451,050
East Windsor	57,125	34,700	115,275
Riverside	2,465	1,496	2,540
Sandwich	5,175	7,805	65,750
Walkerville	Nil	257	Nil
Woodstock	Nil	Nil	Nil
Manitoba			
xBrandon	Nil	75	Nil
St. Boniface	Nil	1,000	1,000
xWinnipeg	5,438	8,124	4,193
Saskatchewan			
xMoose Jaw	78,595	139,140	201,525
xRegina	4,120	4,450	6,250
xSaskatoon	10,075	3,840	3,275
Alberta			
xCalgary	64,400	130,850	192,000
xEdmonton	22,965	70,048	207,266
Lethbridge	4,300	21,325	112,363
Medicine Hat	14,230	24,773	6,508
British Columbia			
Kamloops	4,435	23,950	88,395
Nanaimo	109,086	133,666	190,542
xNew Westminster	37,448	51,106	68,357
Prince Rupert	69,456	71,895	112,395
xVancouver	1,622	10,615	8,970
North Vancouver	560	50	820
xVictoria	156,508	307,315	314,348
Total - 61 Cities	6,311	2,660	825
Total - x35 Cities	Nil	350	3,250
	21,150	38,710	17,150
	6,540	225	10,440
	95,510	232,875	232,810
	1,760	6,450	4,965
	25,237	26,045	44,908
Total - 61 Cities	2,082,302	3,535,948	4,412,169
Total - x35 Cities	1,934,714	3,374,329	4,205,819

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1933,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September stood at \$2,032,839; this was an increase of \$94,757 or 4.9 p.c. from the total of \$1,938,082 in August, 1933, but a decrease of \$416,896 or 17.0 p.c. in comparison with the aggregate of \$2,449,735 recorded in September of last year. The increase over August, though not large, is interesting because in the experience of the last thirteen years the September total has usually been smaller than that for August, the average decline between the two months amounting to 12 p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$809,000 and over 1,750 permits for other buildings valued at more than \$1,082,000. During August, authority was granted for the erection of about 200 dwellings and 1,400 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 and \$1,150,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1933, that of \$184,454, or 47.5 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$200,218 or 19.9 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1932, there were reductions in all provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Quebec, where there were advances of \$91,200 and \$42,322, respectively. In this comparison, British Columbia showed the largest loss of \$179,662 or 40 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal registered a higher total of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Winnipeg and Vancouver showed a gain in the former but a loss in the latter comparison, while Toronto showed a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Quebec City, Galt, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Brandon, Prince Rupert and Victoria recorded increases as compared with both August, 1933, and September, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 60 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued first nine months, (1926 =100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months (Average 1926=100)
1933	\$ 2,032,839	\$ 16,125,512	13.4	77.2
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower than in 1932 and earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also lower in 1933 than in any other year of the record.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1933, and September, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	September, 1933	August, 1933	September, 1932
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 91,200	\$ 10,200 1/	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	39,923	84,480	51,208
x Halifax	32,486	71,800	39,908
New Glasgow	5,507	1,080	580
x Sydney	1,930	11,600	10,720
New Brunswick	23,477	18,766	48,539
Fredericton	6,925	440	Nil
x Moncton	5,055	5,287	28,550
x Saint John	11,497	13,039	19,989
Quebec	572,637	388,183	530,315
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	454,544	269,420	337,560
x Quebec	72,594	71,328	61,245
Shawinigan Falls	5,650	1,900	76,900
x Sherbrooke	8,600	14,900	10,500
x Three Rivers	1,380	2,335	1,180
x Westmount	29,869	28,300	42,930
Ontario	804,868	1,005,086	947,700
Belleville	3,060	8,000	7,900
x Brantford	3,935	18,962	9,061
Chatham	4,000	44,825	6,100
x Fort William	34,500	20,800	76,000
Galt	17,968	11,465	3,371
x Guelph	9,488	5,990	13,665
x Hamilton	44,175	143,050	104,900
x Kingston	9,316	6,331	22,315
x Kitchener	17,929	18,318	13,292
x London	33,050	29,425	35,480
Niagara Falls	6,288	1,310	1,503
Oshawa	7,350	8,695	5,100
x Ottawa	125,185	119,800	67,795
Owen Sound	4,600	3,500	640
x Peterborough	5,930	5,873	1,395
x Port Arthur	10,516	13,005	14,394
x Stratford	4,320	4,535	3,355
x St. Catharines	13,911	19,731	8,939
x St. Thomas	14,365	10,251	13,625
Sarnia	3,203	9,693	5,330
Sault Ste. Marie	14,842	14,445	10,920
x Toronto	325,213	405,469	364,200
York & East York Townships	80,455	55,375	129,035
Welland	3,360	1,350	1,450
x Windsor	3,520	3,700	8,475
East Windsor	100	350	8,040
Riverside	-	-	300
Sandwich	Nil	75	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	Nil	1,000
Woodstock	3,289	20,763	10,120
Manitoba	112,575	79,340	131,620
x Brandon	8,800	1,815	7,450
St. Boniface	5,925	3,775	6,120
x Winnipeg	97,850	73,750	118,050
Saskatchewan	20,001	34,825	137,223
x Moose Jaw	900	225	6,221
x Regina	14,161	10,475	18,080
x Saskatoon	4,940	24,125	112,922
Alberta	98,488	138,531	153,798
x Calgary	43,779	96,777	70,873
x Edmonton	50,739	34,465	73,625
Lethbridge	3,085	2,734	8,195
Medicine Hat	835	4,555	1,105
British Columbia	269,670	178,671	449,332
Kamloops	1,574	7,635	8,900
Nanaimo	850	3,090	4,777
x New Westminster	8,400	1,415	13,890
Prince Rupert	11,500	2,267	2,425
x Vancouver	211,985	139,410	383,720
North Vancouver	3,090	1,200	4,195
Victoria	32,271	23,654	31,425
Total - 61 Cities	2,032,339	1,938,082 1/	2,449,735
Total - x 35 Cities	1,747,133	1,719,360	2,145,729

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1933,
AND OCTOBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920 - 1933.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$1,762,947; this was a decrease of \$269,892 or 13.5 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,032,839, and of \$1,407,623 or 44.4 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$3,170,570 for October, 1932.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 220 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$685,000, and about 1,550 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,000,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 250 dwellings and 1,750 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$800,000, and \$1,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec and Saskatchewan recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1933, while the remaining provinces reported declines. The largest decrease was that of \$133,683 or 49.6 p.c. in British Columbia.

In comparison with October, 1932, there were declines in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Manitoba; cities in Quebec reported the most pronounced losses, amounting to \$696,323 or 54.0 p.c.

Montreal showed an increase over September, 1933, but a reduction as compared with October, 1932; in Winnipeg there was a decline as compared with September, 1933, but an improvement over October, 1932, while Toronto and Vancouver recorded decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, East Windsor, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and New Westminster reported increases over both September, 1933, and October, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1933.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1933	\$ 1,762,947	\$13,043,654	13.4	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,333	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,553,035	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,843,012	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,352,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,538	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of this year was lower than in 1932 and other years since 1920; in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also lower than in any other of the fourteen years of the record, except 1932.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during September and October, 1933, and October, 1932. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	October, 1933	September, 1933	October, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 23,000	\$ 91,200	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	46,871	39,923	102,419
x Halifax	38,293	32,486	91,995
New Glasgow	1,333	5,507	2,220
x Sydney	7,245	1,930	8,204
New Brunswick	11,904	23,477	36,160
Fredericton	1,300	6,925	1,500
x Moncton	3,092	5,055	5,220
x Saint John	7,512	11,497	29,440
Quebec	593,567	572,637	1,289,890
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	507,598	454,544	1,149,200
x Quebec	42,579	72,594	68,440
Shawinigan Falls	125	5,650	1,000
x Sherbrooke	13,500	8,600	11,600
x Three Rivers	3,340	1,380	650
x Westmount	26,425	29,869	59,000
Ontario	714,022	804,868	1,201,672
Belleville	600	3,060	29,300
x Brantford	16,928	3,935	4,955
Chatham	1,550	4,000	5,515
x Fort William	10,450	34,500	7,700
Galt	10,820	17,968	3,398
x Guelph	8,216	9,488	15,244
x Hamilton	22,380	44,175	347,700
x Kingston	15,440	9,316	19,315
x Kitchener	20,410	17,929	32,826
x London	41,825	33,050	30,630
Niagara Falls	5,556	6,288	2,360
Oshawa	4,400	7,350	4,090
x Ottawa	107,705	125,185	91,325
Owen Sound	1,600	4,600	2,800
x Peterborough	2,880	5,930	8,490
x Port Arthur	1,995	10,516	11,935
x Stratford	1,795	4,320	12,164
x St. Catharines	9,373	13,911	8,327
x St. Thomas	19,025	14,365	627
Sarnia	1,985	3,203	3,485
Sault Ste. Marie	4,995	14,842	9,255
x Toronto	323,672	325,213	409,675
York & East York Townships	63,850	80,455	110,775
Welland	4,515	3,360	10,510
x Windsor	4,745	3,520	5,772
East Windsor	1,700	100	225
Riverside	Nil	Nil	200
Sandwich	150	Nil	1,000
Walkerville	Nil	1,000	1,000
Woodstock	5,462	3,289	11,124
Manitoba	103,875	112,575	79,240
x Brandon	375	8,800	1,025
St. Boniface	13,050	5,925	6,115
x Winnipeg	90,450	97,850	72,100
Saskatoon	39,277	20,001	90,281
x Moose Jaw	11,645	900	4,776
x Regina	19,777	14,161	9,300
x Saskatoon	7,855	4,940	76,205
Alberta	94,444	98,488	118,079
x Calgary	49,707	43,779	60,819
x Edmonton	38,260	50,739	48,200
Lethbridge	4,977	3,085	7,815
Medicine Hat	1,500	885	1,245
British Columbia	135,987	269,670	252,829
Kamloops	1,070	1,574	8,165
Nanaimo	3,986	850	18,746
x New Westminster	14,000	8,400	8,905
Prince Rupert	960	11,500	1,585
x Vancouver	85,050	211,985	176,498
North Vancouver	3,368	3,090	3,900
x Victoria	27,553	32,271	35,030
Total - 61 Cities	1,762,947	2,032,839	3,170,570
Total - x35 Cities	1,601,095	1,747,133	2,923,242

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1933, AND NOVEMBER, 1932, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$1,609,874. This was a seasonal decline of \$152,473 or 8.7 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$1,762,347, and a reduction of \$943,499, or 37.0 p.c. in comparison with the November, 1932, figure of \$2,553,373.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 150 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$600,000, and about 970 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$875,000. In addition, authority was granted for an engineering project valued at \$50,282. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 220 dwellings and 1,550 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$685,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October; the most marked gain was that of \$247,360 or 34.7 p.c. in Ontario. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$237,875, or 40.1 p.c. in Quebec being the largest.

As compared with November, 1932, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases, while the greatest decline in this comparison was that of \$593,507 or 38.2 p.c. in Ontario.

Of the four largest centres, Montreal and Vancouver recorded decreases in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November, 1932; in Toronto, the aggregate value was higher than in October, 1933, but lower than in November of last year, while in Winnipeg there was a reduction in the former but an improvement in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Brantford, Chatham, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sarnia, Windsor, Kamloops and Nanaimo reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1933.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months, (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926 = 100).
1933	\$ 1,609,874	\$ 19,653,928	13.6	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,321,202	150,039,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,856	203,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,853,176	119.3	96.2
1926	9,975,451	144,377,729	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	138,693,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was lower than in 1932 and other years since 1920, but in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also much lower than in any other of these twelve years except 1932. From the high point of 144.3 in 1920, this index had declined to 78.1 in the same period of the present year, or by 46.9 p.c.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1933, and November, 1932. The 55 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	November, 1933	October, 1933	November, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	47,600	46,871	108,703
x Halifax	44,910	38,293	108,123
New Glasgow	1,690	1,333	380
x Sydney	1,000	7,245	200
New Brunswick	13,485	11,904	25,308
Fredericton	3,000	1,300	Nil
x Moncton	2,537	3,092	5,880
x Saint John	7,948	7,512	19,428
Quebec	355,692	593,567	609,054
x Montreal xMaisonneuve	237,742	507,598	248,174
x Quebec	34,765	42,579	319,895
Shawinigan Falls	1,000	125	4,135
x Sherbrooke	21,500	13,500	4,000
x Three Rivers	1,150	3,340	200
x Westmount	59,535	26,425	32,650
Ontario	960,782	713,422 1/2	1,554,289
Belleville	1,200	600	125
x Brantford	31,592	16,928	1,822
Chatham	2,535	1,550	200
x Fort William	11,600	10,450	21,500
Galt	613	10,820	2,740
x Guelph	4,750	8,216	9,587
x Hamilton	26,460	22,380	44,950
x Kingston	10,198	15,440	7,310
x Kitchener	1,989	20,410	37,474
x London	49,490	41,825	37,985
Niagara Falls	1,690	5,556	2,145
Oshawa	11,100	4,400	6,665
x Ottawa	59,965	107,705	38,450
Owen Sound	2,400	1,600	1,100
x Peterborough	9,840	2,880	6,383
x Port Arthur	10,695	1,995	25,126
x Stratford	8,545	1,795	1,635
x St. Catharines	1,370	9,373	17,920
x St. Thomas	3,575	19,025	3,525
Sarnia	12,720	1,985	4,880
Sault Ste. Marie	3,310	4,995	950
x Toronto	638,756	323,672	1,229,954
York & East York Townships	45,145	63,850	46,249
Welland	670	4,515	1,070
x Windsor	5,475	4,745	1,660
East Windsor	Nil	1,100 1/2	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	150	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	5,099	5,462	2,884
Manitoba	51,085	103,875	30,400
x Brandon	Nil	375	Nil
St. Boniface	10,685	13,050	300
x Winnipeg	40,400	90,450	30,100
Saskatchewan	8,575	39,277	38,779
x Moose Jaw	25	11,645	100
x Regina	5,605	19,777	12,450
x Saskatoon	2,945	7,855	26,229
Alberta	61,784	94,444	50,619
x Calgary	34,864	49,707	15,934
x Edmonton	21,470	38,260	13,485
Lethbridge	4,950	4,977	50
Medicine Hat	500	1,500	21,150
British Columbia	110,871	135,987	136,221
Kamloops	3,390	1,070	1,940
Nanaimo	4,400	3,986	2,504
x New Westminster	1,000	14,000	9,305
Prince Rupert	275	960	275
x Vancouver	78,314	85,050	111,893
North Vancouver	450	3,368	145
x Victoria	23,042	27,553	10,159
Total - 61 cities	1,609,874	1,762,347 1/2	2,553,373
Total - x35 cities	1,493,052	1,601,095	2,453,486
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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1933, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
NOVEMBER, 1933, AND DECEMBER, 1932, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-33.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1933, represented construction work valued at \$1,975,855, as compared with \$1,609,874 in November, 1933, and \$1,569,255 in December, 1932. There was, therefore, an increase of \$365,981 or 22.7 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$406,600 or 25.9 p.c. in comparison with the same month of 1932. The December, 1933, figure was the lowest for the month in any year since 1920, except 1932; the wholesale prices of building materials, as measured by the Bureau's index number, however, were also lower than in other years of the record of fourteen years with the exception of 1932.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued almost 60 permits for dwellings valued at some \$305,000 and over 400 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$1,500,000. There was also a permit taken out in Brantford for engineering work at a cost of \$36,000. During November, the construction of some 150 dwellings and 970 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$600,000 and \$875,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the authorized building, Quebec showing the greatest gain of \$482,548 or 135.7 p.c. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$72,331 or 65.2 p.c. in British Columbia being most pronounced.

New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario recorded increases as compared with December, 1932, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Quebec reported the most marked gain of \$577,300 or 214.3 p.c.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal registered increases, both as compared with November, 1933, and December, 1932; Toronto showed an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison. On the contrary, Winnipeg reported a decline as compared with November, 1933, but an increase over December, 1932, while Vancouver showed a reduction in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, York and East York, Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina and North Vancouver redorded advances as compared with the preceding month, and also over December, 1932.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1933.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during December and in the years since 1920; the 1933 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1933 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years, 1920-33. (Average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months, (1926 =100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months,, (Average 1926=100)
1933	\$ 1,975,855	\$ 21,629,783	13.8	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1933 indicate that last year's aggregate was the smallest since 1920; it should be noted, however, that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower than in any other of these years except 1932.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	December, 1933	November, 1933	December, 1932
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	11,540	47,600	48,900
x Halifax	8,940	44,910	48,525
New Glasgow	600	1,690	375
x Sydney	2,000	1,000	Nil
New Brunswick	57,020	13,485	22,655
Fredericton	55,000	3,000	Nil
x Moncton	360	2,537	215
x Saint John	1,660	7,948	22,440
Quebec	838,240	355,692	260,940
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	547,215	237,742	215,805
x Quebec	256,530	34,765	12,035
Shawinigan Falls	4,620	1,000	Nil
x Sherbrooke	5,000	21,500	2,200
x Three Rivers	600	1,150	500
x Westmount	24,275	59,535	30,400
Ontario	986,176	960,782	956,611
Belleville	Nil	1,200	2,650
x Brantford	36,088	31,592	2,155
Chatham	100	2,535	2,800
x Fort William	100	11,600	150
Galt	120	613	405
x Guelph	25,650	4,750	1,785
x Hamilton	31,500	26,460	11,600
x Kingston	950	10,198	8,250
x Kitchener	224	1,989	7,560
x London	102,725	49,490	21,995
Niagara Falls	2,965	1,690	300
Oshawa	Nil	11,100	375
x Ottawa	1,450	59,965	47,645
Owen Sound	Nil	2,400	Nil
x Peterborough	500	9,840	555
x Port Arthur	540	10,695	2,935
x Stratford	1,420	8,545	1,535
x St. Catharines	4,575	1,370	2,100
x St. Thomas	350	3,575	Nil
Sarnia	2,515	12,720	886
Sault Ste. Marie	2,640	3,310	2,430
x Toronto	696,383	638,756	822,913
York & East York Townships	54,375	45,145	9,374
Welland	50	670	1,725
x Windsor	11,550	5,475	2,275
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Riverside	5,000	-	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	3,406	5,099	2,213
Manitoba	21,000	51,085	114,754
x Brandon	2,200	Nil	1,804
St. Boniface	350	10,685	100,050
x Winnipeg	18,450	40,400	12,900
Saskatchewan	9,975	8,575	73,064
x Moose Jaw	25	25	1,000
x Regina	8,175	5,605	630
x Saskatoon	1,775	2,945	71,434
Alberta	13,364	61,784	20,425
x Calgary	8,052	34,864	13,008
x Edmonton	4,535	21,470	5,960
Lethbridge	742	4,950	1,457
Medicine Hat	35	500	Nil
British Columbia	38,540	110,871	71,906
Kamloops	417	3,390	620
Nanaimo	2,500	4,400	175
x New Westminster	800	1,000	2,650
Prince Rupert	1,060	275	1,725
x Vancouver	21,575	78,314	53,660
North Vancouver	1,075	450	850
x Victoria	11,113	23,042	12,226
Total - 61 Cities	1,975,855	1,609,874	1,569,255
Total - x35 Cities	1,837,085	1,493,052	1,440,845

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1933, AND JANUARY, 1933.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, and the total was also lower than in January, 1933; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$693,962, compared with \$1,983,292^{1/} in December, 1933, and \$1,185,961^{1/} in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 65.0 p.c. in the first and of 41.5 p.c. in the second comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 40 permits for dwellings valued at about \$136,000, and about 460 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$480,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 60 dwellings and 400 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$305,000 and \$1,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1933, the gain of \$26,628 or 61.0 p.c. in British Columbia being most noteworthy. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$747,635, or 89.2 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

As compared with January, 1933, New Brunswick and Ontario showed increases of 22.7 p.c. and 29.4 p.c. respectively. Reductions were reported in the remaining provinces, that of \$243,476 or 98.5 p.c. in Saskatchewan being most pronounced.

In Montreal and Winnipeg, there were decreases in the value of the building permits granted as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of last year; in Toronto, there was a decline in the former but an increase in the latter comparison, while in Vancouver, the January total was higher than in December, but lower than in January, 1933. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons—Moncton, Saint John, Three Rivers, Chatham, Port William, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, St. Boniface, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average =100)
1934	\$ 692,962	14.7	83.3
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.8
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.4
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.0
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.4
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.8
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.4
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1934 figure for January was smaller than in any other year of this record, but it should also be noted that wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January than in the winter of most other years since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1934, and December and January, 1933. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

^{1/} Revised Figure.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 cities.

Cities	January, 1934	December, 1933	January, 1933
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	11,115	11,540	37,435
New Glasgow	31,115	8,940	37,290
x Sydney	Nil	600	Nil
New Brunswick			
Fredericton	18,917	2,000	145
x Moncton	Nil	57,020	5,780
x Saint John	3,512	55,000	Nil
Quebec	15,405	360	100
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	15,605	1,660	5,680
x Quebec	75,625	838,240	38,765
Shawinigan Falls	8,405	547,215	8,100
x Sherbrooke	150	256,530	10,575
x Threë Rivers	4,500	4,620	Nil
x Westmount	700	5,000	4,100
Ontario			
Belleville	225	600	Nil
x Brantford	443,820	24,275	4,200
Chatham	300	988,533	343,027
x Fort William	20,857	Nil	625
Galt	2,500	36,088	425
x Guelph	2,000	100	800
x Hamilton	4,710	100	200
x Kingston	100	120	3,345
x Kitchener	21,750	25,650	1,050
x London	5,010	31,500	39,100
Niagara Falls	1,055	950	565
Oshawa	38,705	224	880
x Ottawa	50	102,725	29,715
Owen Sound	Nil	2,965	3,800
x Peterborough	47,265	Nil	Nil
x Port Arthur	Nil	1,450	11,450
x Stratford	11,930	Nil	2,200
x St. Catharines	1,900	500	1,100
x St. Thomas	175	540	1,065
Sarnia	5,050	1,420	625
Sault Ste. Marie	4,550	4,575	997
Toronto	1,299	350	9,820
York & East York Townships	243	2,515	2,940
Wendland	226,343	2,640	185
x Windsor	31,560	698,745	161,035
East Windsor	3,231	54,375	52,720
Riverside	10,250	50	6,050
Sandwich	Nil	11,550	11,400
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Woodstock	2,982	1,000	Nil
Manitoba			
x Brandon	12,725	3,406	957
St. Boniface	Nil	21,000	17,350
x Winnipeg	1,275	2,200	250
Saskatchewan			
x Moose Jaw	11,450	350	1,250
x Regina	3,735	18,450	15,850
x Saskatoon	3,435	9,950	247,211
Alberta			
x Calgary	300	Nil	Nil
x Edmonton	22,777	8,175	245,611
Lethbridge	13,137	1,775	1,600
Medicine Hat	8,490	13,364	33,525
British Columbia			
Kamloops	Nil	8,052	14,591
Nanaimo	150	4,535	6,110
x New Westminster	70,268	742	12,824
Prince Rupert	2,700	35	Nil
x Vancouver	475	43,640	173,268
North Vancouver	2,000	517	450
x Victoria	1,800	2,500	455
Total - 61 Cities	51,229	800	2,000
Total - x 35 Cities	1,435	1,060	200
	10,629	21,575	145,230
	69,962	1,075	21,000
	64,079	16,113	21,000
		1,983,292 1/2	1,452,962
		1,844,622 1/2	1,000,000

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE
STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1934, AND FEBRUARY, 1933.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was higher by \$188,190 or 26.2 p.c. than in the preceding month, but was lower by \$44,742 or 4.8 p.c. than in February of last year; the total stood at \$881,152 during February, 1934, as compared with \$692,962 in January, 1934, and \$925,894 in February, 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 100 permits for dwellings valued at about \$229,000, and more than 580 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$590,000. In addition, two engineering projects, valued at \$37,000, were reported. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 40 dwellings and 460 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$136,000 and \$480,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1934; the largest gain, of \$108,850 or 121.5 p.c., took place in Quebec. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$5,209 or 22.9 p.c. in Alberta was most pronounced.

As compared with February, 1933, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan recorded increases, that of \$85,421 or 22.4 p.c. in Ontario being most marked; the greatest decrease of \$116,717 or 50.2 p.c. was shown in British Columbia.

Of the larger cities, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1934, and also as compared with February, 1933. Montreal and Vancouver showed increases in the first but reductions in the second instance, while in Winnipeg, there was a decrease as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over February of last year. Of the other centres, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Sarnia, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat reported improvement in each of these comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of Wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
1934	\$ 881,152	\$ 1,574,114	13.3	83.5
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1934 was lower than in the same months of 1933 and earlier years of the record; the wholesale costs of building materials, though slightly higher than in 1933 and 1932, and practically the same as in 1931, were considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	February, 1934	January, 1934	February, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	32,240	31,115	29,600
x Halifax	30,740	31,115	27,900
New Glasgow	1,500	Nil	1,700
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	14,815	18,917	15,565
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	5,150	3,512	1,000
x Saint John	9,665	15,405	14,565
Quebec	198,455	89,605	214,575
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	132,765	75,625	194,210
x Quebec	54,880	8,405	13,590
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	150	1,300
x Sherbrooke	6,150	4,500	2,200
x Three Rivers	60	700	775
x Westmount	4,600	225	2,500
Ontario	466,877	443,820	381,456
Belleville	1,050	300	Nil
x Brantford	11,270	20,857	857
Chatham	200	2,500	1,150
x Fort William	11,150	2,000	16,500
Galt	35,600	4,710	2,780
x Guelph	1,500	100	10,260
x Hamilton	16,550	21,750	5,800
x Kingston	3,450	5,010	2,780
x Kitchener	13,135	1,055	4,435
x London	40,865	38,705	34,855
Niagara Falls	2	50	350
Oshawa	2,500	Nil	1,730
x Ottawa	39,200	47,265	42,525
Owen Sound	Nil	Nil	375
x Peterborough	8,800	11,930	10
x Port Arthur	2,705	1,900	19,715
x Stratford	200	175	3,170
x St. Catharines	4,310	5,050	885
x St. Thomas	75	4,550	Nil
Sarnia	2,965	1,299	1,760
Sault Ste. Marie	145	248	5,085
x Toronto	245,160	226,343	184,503
York & East York Townships	10,450	31,560	33,986
Welland	1,550	3,231	4,750
x Windsor	12,530	10,250	2,600
East Windsor	300	Nil	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	800	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	415	2,982	595
Manitoba	14,100	12,725	8,500
x Brandon	2,200	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	1,300	1,275	750
x Winnipeg	10,600	11,450	7,750
Saskatchewan	21,350	3,735	8,120
x Moose Jaw	75	Nil	2,000
x Regina	11,890	3,435	5,670
x Saskatoon	9,385	300	450
Alberta	17,568	22,777	35,614
x Calgary	9,891	14,137	25,684
x Edmonton	4,535	8,490	9,065
Lethbridge	1,892	Nil	770
Medicine Hat	1,250	150	95
British Columbia	115,747	70,268	232,464
Kamloops	2,650	2,700	8,602
Nanaimo	620	475	1,120
x New Westminster	4,040	2,000	6,050
Prince Rupert	1,275	1,800	1,530
x Vancouver	87,710	51,229	195,875
North Vancouver	665	1,435	150
x Victoria	18,787	10,629	19,137
Total - 61 Cities	881,152	692,962	925,894
Total - x 35 Cities	813,438	641,079	857,316

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1934, AND MARCH, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920 - 1934.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$1,089,481; this was an increase of \$208,329 or 23.6 p.c. over the February total of \$881,152, and was also an increase of \$135,515 or 14.2 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$953,966 reported for the same month in 1933. The gain in March, 1934, over March of last year, though comparatively small, is interesting because, with the exception of December, 1933, this is the first month in several years in which such a comparison has been favourable.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted 185 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$300,000 and some 850 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$700,000. In addition, one centre reported that it had authorized an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,100. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 100 dwellings and more than 580 other buildings, estimated to involve expenditures of approximately \$229,000 and \$590,000, respectively, while two engineering projects, valued at \$37,000, were also reported.

New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1934, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gains were those of \$103,651 or 52.2 p.c. in Quebec and \$60,349 or 343.5 p.c. in Alberta. The largest absolute decline in the remaining provinces was that of \$15,415 in Ontario, although the proportionate decrease of \$5,135 or 15.9 p.c. in Nova Scotia was greater.

As compared with March, 1933, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, those of \$81,233 or 36.8 p.c. in Quebec and \$51,128 or 12.8 p.c. in Ontario being most marked. Of the reductions recorded, the largest was that of \$47,690 or 63.8 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed increases as compared with February, 1934, and March, 1933, while Winnipeg reported a gain in the first, but a decline in the second comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sydney, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Belleville, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sarnia, East Windsor, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo and New Westminster reported higher totals than in either February, 1934, or March, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in first quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in first quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter (1926=100)
1934	\$ 1,089,481	\$ 2,663,595	11.8	83.5
1933	953,966	3,065,821	13.6	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

The total value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1934 was less than in the same period in other years since 1920; the wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1933 and 1932, and practically the same as in 1931, were considerably lower than in the first three months in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	March, 1934	February, 1934	March, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$ 1/	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	27,105	32,240	74,795
New Glasgow	26,355	30,740	74,595
x Sydney	400	1,500	200
New Brunswick	350	Nil	Nil
Fredericton	17,325	14,815	27,450
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	5,000
x Saint John	1/	5,150	5,550
Quebec	17,325	9,665	16,900
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	302,106	198,455	220,873
x Quebec	198,711	132,765	183,515
Shawinigan Falls	44,570	54,880	15,530
x Sherbrooke	200	Nil	450
x Three Rivers	8,000	6,150	2,000
x Westmount	Nil	60	1,525
Ontario	50,625	4,600	17,853
Belleville	451,462	466,877	400,334
x Brantford	2,255	1,050	Nil
Chatham	6,078	11,270	2,879
x Fort William	2,300	200	9,450
Galt	15,550	11,150	33,250
x Guelph	11,680	35,600	1,565
x Hamilton	150	1,500	1,615
x Kingston	6,950	16,550	28,825
x Kitchener	2,760	3,450	3,112
x London	8,625	13,135	6,187
Niagara Falls	15,315	40,865	44,175
Oshawa	1,132	2	2,016
x Ottawa	500	2,500	1,425
Owen Sound	15,055	39,200	34,505
x Peterborough	Nil	Nil	6,900
x Port Arthur	1,125	8,800	5,075
x Stratford	2,547	2,705	8,029
x St. Catharines	5,950	200	250
x St. Thomas	2,333	4,310	3,235
Sarnia	3,220	75	280
Sault Ste. Marie	4,015	2,965	2,621
x Toronto	405	145	975
Tork & East York Townships	322,262	245,160	182,293
Welland	8,950	10,450	15,730
x Windsor	1,685	1,550	2,000
East Windsor	8,175	12,530	3,240
Riverside	1,100	300	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	600	800	Nil
Woodstock	Nil	Nil	Nil
Manitoba	745	415	702
x Brandon	30,096	14,100	31,310
St. Boniface	4,896	2,200	110
x Winnipeg	2,200	1,300	Nil
Saskatchewan	23,000	10,600	31,200
x Moose Jaw	18,670	21,350	17,675
x Regina	1,100	75	1,000
x Saskatoon	16,170	11,890	10,735
Alberta	1,400	9,385	5,940
x Calgary	77,917	17,568	38,575
x Edmonton	48,725	9,891	24,300
Lethbridge	24,335	4,535	12,205
Medicine Hat	357	1,892	1,870
British Columbia	4,500	1,250	200
Kamloops	164,800	115,747	142,954
Nanaimo	735	2,650	9,923
x New Westminster	1,100	620	725
Prince Rupert	6,500	4,040	4,625
x Vancouver	850	1,275	2,585
North Vancouver	131,350	87,710	97,730
x Victoria	825	665	2,120
Total - 61 Cities	23,440	18,787	25,246
Total - x35 Cities	1,089,481	881,152	953,966
Total - x35 Cities	1,042,947	813,438	887,509

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1934,
AND APRIL, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$2,246,317 during April, as compared with \$1,090,206 (revised figure) in the preceding month, and \$1,595,502 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$1,156,111 or 106.0 p.c. in the first comparison, and of \$650,815, or 40.8 p.c. as compared with April, 1933. The increase in the latter comparison (like that which occurred in the preceding month over March, 1933), is especially interesting, these two being the first gains shown in such a comparison over a period of many months. The cumulative total for the first four months of 1934, (viz. \$4,910,637), though lower than in earlier years of the record, was higher by 5.3 p.c. than in the same period of 1933; this is the first time since 1929 that the cumulative value of the building authorized in any period has been greater than in the same period of the preceding year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for April, 1934, showing that they had issued some 250 permits for dwellings valued at over \$800,000 and for more than 1,600 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$1,400,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 185 dwellings and 850 other buildings, valued at approximately \$300,000 and \$700,000, respectively, while one engineering project valued at approximately \$5,100 was also reported.

All provinces (except Prince Edward Island, from which no data were received for either April or March), recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with the preceding month, the greatest absolute gain of \$580,126 or 128.5 p.c., taking place in Ontario.

In the more significant comparison with April, 1933, there were increases in all provinces except New Brunswick and Manitoba, that of \$342,333 or 49.7 p.c. in Ontario being most notable.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1933; in Montreal and Winnipeg, the aggregate value was higher than in March, 1934, but rather less than in April, 1933. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Brantford, Fort William, Melph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Walkerville, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert and Victoria reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1934, and also with April, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100.

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,246,317	\$ 4,910,637	11.8	83.4
1933	1,595,502	4,661,323	11.2	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,873	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

The aggregate for the first four months of this year was rather higher than in the same period of 1933, but was lower than in any other year since 1920; the average index of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1932 and 1933, and practically the same as in 1931, was lower than in any other year of the record.

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	April, 1934	March, 1934	April, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia			10,000
x Halifax	64,200	27,105	64,050
New Glasgow	62,170	26,355	63,200
x Sydney	830	400	500
New Brunswick	1,200	350	550
Fredericton	40,645	1/ 18,050	57,543
x Moncton	2,150	Nil	6,725
x Saint John	7,180	725	11,297
Quebec	31,315	17,325	39,521
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	498,748	302,106	426,345
x Quebec	335,018	198,711	343,445
Shawinigan Falls	39,180	44,570	31,466
x Sherbrooke	17,580	200	1,430
x Three Rivers	12,000	8,000	11,800
x Westmount	38,980	Nil	1,845
Ontario	55,990	50,625	36,359
Bellefille	1,031,588	451,462	689,255
x Brantford	2,050	2,255	5,450
Chatham	16,378	6,078	4,962
x Fort William	14,250	2,300	14,250
Galt	26,150	15,550	16,350
x Guelph	4,942	11,680	3,354
x Hamilton	10,010	150	3,475
x Kingston	101,655	6,950	40,200
x Kitchener	21,634	2,760	18,802
x London	32,413	8,625	14,451
Niagara Falls	39,485	15,315	18,855
Oshawa	500	1,132	797
x Ottawa	7,325	500	3,510
Owen Sound	124,040	15,055	105,350
x Peterborough	6,000	Nil	8,400
x Port Arthur	10,460	1,125	85,395
x Stratford	5,865	2,547	9,410
x St. Catharines	6,183	5,950	8,725
x St. Thomas	10,177	2,333	9,225
Sarnia	1,070	3,220	1,275
Sault Ste. Marie	3,510	4,015	3,385
x Toronto	9,640	405	3,925
York & East York Townships	462,603	322,262	222,198
Welland	65,207	8,950	62,730
x Windsor	32,360	1,685	16,175
East Windsor	6,755	8,175	2,430
Riverside	690	1,100	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	300	600	Nil
Woodstock	2,000	Nil	Nil
Manitoba	7,936	745	6,176
x Brandon	61,614	30,096	75,506
St. Boniface	2,714	4,896	17,731
x Winnipeg	4,050	2,200	1,175
Saskatchewan	54,850	23,000	56,600
x Moose Jaw	69,860	18,670	25,070
x Regina	56,650	1,100	1,100
x Saskatoon	7,825	16,170	8,600
Alberta	5,385	1,400	15,370
x Calgary	216,534	77,917	93,243
x Edmonton	151,894	48,725	25,992
Lethbridge	46,195	24,335	57,525
Medicine Hat	17,435	357	4,246
British Columbia	1,010	4,500	5,480
Kamloops	263,128	164,800	154,490
Nanaimo	6,712	735	5,635
x New Westminster	31,906	1,100	10,030
Prince Rupert	4,775	6,500	11,040
x Vancouver	43,900	850	500
North Vancouver	143,380	131,350	100,870
x Victoria	590	825	5,150
	31,865	23,440	21,265
Total - 61 cities	2,246,317	1/ 1,090,206	1,595,502
Total - x35 cities	1,963,444	1/ 1,043,672	1,416,679
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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1934,
AND MAY, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1934, was higher by 31.0 p.c. than in April, 1934, and was also higher by 42.4 p.c. than in May, 1933. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$2,942,096, as compared with \$2,246,317 in the preceding month, and \$2,065,372 in May, 1933. In connection with these figures, it should be noted that though the improvement is not very large, there is an increase over the total for each of the first four months of this year and also over May, 1933, while the aggregate for the first five months of 1934 exceeds by 16.7 p.c. that for the same period of 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued almost 300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and for some 2,200 other buildings estimated to cost over \$1,400,000. In addition, Brantford reported the authorization of an engineering project valued at approximately \$5,000. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 250 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, valued at approximately \$800,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1934, that of \$382,735 or 76.7 p.c. in Quebec being the most pronounced.

As compared with May, 1933, Nova Scotia, ^{New Brunswick} Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta registered increases; of these that of \$349,888 or 65.8 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy.

Of the four larger cities, Montreal and Toronto construction showed improvement both as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1933; Winnipeg registered a gain as compared with April, 1934, but a loss as compared with May, 1933, while in Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Peterboro, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Sandwich, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops and New Westminster recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in May	Value of permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average =100).
1934	\$ 2,942,096	\$ 7,852,733	13.1	83.4
1933	2,065,372	6,726,695	11.2	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	78.8
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.6
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	95.5
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.4
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	95.8
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.1
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	107.9
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	134.4
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of 1934 was lower than in the same period of any previous year of this record except 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was lower than in any of the years since 1920 except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1934, and May, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	May, 1934	April, 1934	May, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia	105,930	64,200	16,100
x Halifax	102,205	62,170	78,360
New Glasgow	2,050	830	72,260
x Sydney	1,675	1,200	5,800
New Brunswick	33,682	40,645	300
Fredericton	7,555	2,150	31,245
x Moncton	26,127	7,180	6,125
x Saint John	1	31,315	3,740
Quebec	881,483	498,748	21,380
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	505,091	335,018	511,595
x Quebec	36,806	39,180	469,051
Shawinigan Falls	96,855	17,580	38,996
x Sherbrooke	10,200	12,000	1,200
x Three Rivers	158,325	38,980	7,100
x Westmount	74,206	55,990	8,488
Ontario	1,360,024	1,031,588	6,760
Belleville	27,900	2,050	907,972
x Brantford	8,296	16,378	1,725
Chatham	2,700	14,250	7,551
x Fort William	19,650	26,150	1,000
Galt	7,394	4,942	25,750
x Guelph	9,340	10,010	15,431
x Hamilton	112,680	101,655	13,892
x Kingston	14,598	21,634	53,385
x Kitchener	18,103	32,413	19,680
x London	63,455	39,485	12,542
Niagara Falls	21,040	500	24,695
Oshawa	3,600	7,325	9,424
x Ottawa	264,250	124,040	7,800
Owen Sound	3,000	6,000	91,245
x Peterboro	33,415	10,460	5,600
x Port Arthur	11,975	5,865	5,370
x Stratford	6,400	6,183	14,255
x St. Catharines	17,090	10,177	5,840
x St. Thomas	2,105	1,070	7,535
Sarnia	30,670	3,510	2,435
Sault Ste. Marie	21,585	9,640	17,515
x Toronto	529,972	462,603	16,655
York & East York Townships	104,950	65,207	395,343
Welland	9,430	32,360	125,890
x Windsor	4,621	6,755	3,405
East Windsor	475	690	8,855
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	700	300	1,000
Walkerville	2,000	2,000	250
Woodstock	8,630	7,936	1,000
Manitoba	147,861	61,614	12,924
x Brandon	10,306	2,714	162,780
St. Boniface	4,205	4,050	6,695
x Winnipeg	133,350	54,850	11,785
Saskatchewan	75,290	69,860	144,300
x Moose Jaw	2,820	56,650	25,780
x Regina	32,925	7,825	2,325
x Saskatoon	39,545	5,385	8,930
Alberta	157,404	216,534	14,525
x Calgary	45,260	151,894	96,825
x Edmonton	96,640	46,195	37,617
Lethbridge	9,124	17,435	52,840
Medicine Hat	6,380	1,010	5,868
British Columbia	180,422	263,128	500
Kamloops	8,472	6,712	214,715
Nanaimo	200	31,906	2,750
x New Westminster	17,190	4,775	850
Prince Rupert	1,375	43,900	5,690
x Vancouver	119,235	143,380	1,685
North Vancouver	240	590	160,117
x Victoria	33,710	31,865	2,773
Total - 61 Cities	2,942,096	2,246,317	40,850
Total - x35 Cities	2,561,566	1,963,444	2,065,372

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1934,
AND JUNE, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$2,364,109; this was a decrease of \$635,586 or 21.9 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$2,997,695, and of \$1,225,095 or 34.1 p.c., as compared with June, 1933, when the authorizations amounted to \$3,589,204. The record for the last fourteen years shows that the value of the building authorized in June is usually rather less than in May, the decline, on the average, being over six p.c.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements for June, 1934, showing that they had issued more than 240 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$960,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$1,145,000, while engineering projects valued at an aggregate of \$33,319 were authorized in two cities, viz., Brantford and Port Arthur. During May, authority was given for the erection of almost 300 dwellings and some 2,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,200,000 and \$1,400,000, respectively.

Improvement over May, 1934, was recorded in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, where there were gains of 7.6 p.c. and 9.3 p.c., respectively. Of the declines elsewhere reported, that of \$389,253 or 44.2 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

As compared with June, 1933, there were increases in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, amounting to 73.7 p.c., 35.6 p.c. and 28.2 p.c., respectively. The remaining provinces showed decreases, Quebec reporting the greatest loss of \$1,290,056, or 72.4 p.c.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Winnipeg recorded reductions in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1934, and also with June, 1933; Vancouver showed a gain in the first, but a decline in the second comparison, while the total value of building authorized in Toronto was higher in June, 1934, than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Guelph, Kitchener, Oshawa, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, St. Boniface, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert also reported improvement over May, 1934, and June, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same year are also given.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average =100)
1934	\$ 2,364,109	\$10,282,641	13.1	83.5
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.1	75.8
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was practically the same as in the first half of 1933, but was lower than in previous years of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, while higher than in the first half of 1933 or 1932, and the same as in 1931, was lower than in other years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and May, 1934, and June, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Cost of Building Work as Indicated by Building Permits as Issued by 61 Cities			
Cities	June, 1934	May, 1934	June, 1933
	\$	\$	\$
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	-	32,300	15,800
Nova Scotia	114,010	105,930	65,625
x Halifax	107,130	102,205	59,400
New Glasgow	1,230	2,050	1,600
x Sydney	5,600	1,675	4,625
New Brunswick	51,125	56,981	37,705
Fredericton	3,650	7,555	450
x Moncton	1/ -	26,127	23,416
x Saint John	47,475	23,299	13,839
Quebec	492,230	881,483	1,782,286
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	360,695	505,091	1,665,780
x Quebec	18,635	36,806	48,851
Shawinigan Falls	6,100	96,855	36,760
x Sherbrooke	16,100	10,200	11,100
x Three Rivers	56,600	158,325	2,575
x Westmount	34,100	74,206	17,220
Ontario	1,317,006	1,360,024	1,027,524
Belleville	10,500	27,900	5,415
x Brantford	25,064	8,296	32,645
Chatham	100	2,700	3,550
x Fort William	14,900	19,650	33,150
Galt	8,072	7,394	16,921
x Guelph	32,452	9,340	10,038
x Hamilton	86,170	112,680	23,950
x Kingston	22,395	14,593	32,921
x Kitchener	43,050	18,103	17,520
x London	52,210	63,455	94,200
Niagara Falls	1,860	21,040	870
Oshawa	6,000	3,600	825
x Ottawa	118,615	264,250	125,455
Owen Sound	1,750	3,000	2,000
x Peterboro	11,045	33,415	9,355
x Port Arthur	23,790	11,975	21,535
x Stratford	3,463	6,400	6,450
x St. Catharines	8,580	17,090	25,632
x St. Thomas	5,102	2,105	1,871
Sarnia	16,270	30,670	2,236
Sault Ste. Marie	7,540	21,585	21,150
x Toronto	705,438	529,972	468,668
York & East York Townships	96,830	104,950	52,410
Welland	2,700	9,430	1,496
x Windsor	5,930	4,621	7,805
East Windsor	Nil	475	257
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	400	700	75
Walkerville	Nil	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	6,732	8,630	8,124
Manitoba	81,440	147,861	139,140
x Brandon	1,955	10,306	4,450
St. Boniface	14,635	4,205	3,840
x Winnipeg	64,850	133,350	130,850
Saskatchewan	17,565	75,290	70,048
x Moose Jaw	3,650	2,820	21,325
x Regina	13,915	32,925	24,773
x Saskatoon	1/ -	39,545	23,950
Alberta	93,585	157,404	133,761
x Calgary	33,848	45,260	51,106
x Edmonton	53,995	96,640	71,895
Lethbridge	5,087	9,124	10,710
Medicine Hat	655	6,380	50
British Columbia	197,143	180,422	317,315
Kamloops	495	8,472	2,660
Nanaimo	1,900	200	350
x New Westminster	4,100	17,190	38,710
Prince Rupert	7,030	1,375	225
x Vancouver	167,193	119,235	232,875
North Vancouver	410	240	6,450
x Victoria	16,023	33,710	36,045
Total .. 61 Cities	2,364,109	2,997,695	3,589,204
Total .. x35 Cities	2,164,063	2,584,865	3,393,980

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1934,
AND JULY, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during July stood at \$3,219,086; this was an increase of \$854,977 or 36.2 p.c., as compared with the total of \$2,364,109 reported in the preceding month. The gain is especially interesting since the experience of the last fourteen years shows that the building authorized is usually lower in July than in June. The comparison with the July, 1933, aggregate of \$2,180,403 was also favourable, the total for last month being \$1,038,683 or 47.6 p.c. higher than in the same month last year.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 200 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,000,000, and some 1,600 permits for other buildings estimated at more than \$1,900,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$286,515 were authorized by two cities. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 240 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, valued at approximately \$960,000 and \$1,145,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1934, were reported in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the largest gain of \$464,494 occurring in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia showed declines, that of \$74,333 or 37.7 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest.

In comparison with the same month in 1933, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan showed increases, that of \$562,848 or 64.1 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced. In the remaining provinces, the value of the authorized building was lower than in July of last year, Alberta showing the greatest loss of \$30,821 or 28.3 p.c.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal reported an increase over June, 1934, but a small decrease as compared with July, 1933; in Toronto and Vancouver, on the other hand, there were reductions as compared with the preceding month, but increases over July of last year, while Winnipeg reported improvement in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sydney, Fredericton, Moncton, Brantford, Fort William, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterboro, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Walkerville, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon and Lethbridge showed gains as compared with both June, 1934, and July, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers or the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average =100).

Year	Value of permits issued in July	Value of permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first seven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months, (1926 average =100)
1934	\$ 3,219,086	\$ 13,501,727	13.9	83.5
1933	2,180,403	12,496,302	12.7	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was greater by 8.0 p.c. than 1933, but the total was lower than in 1932 and earlier years of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in 1933 or 32, and practically the same as in 1931, was also lower than in any of the preceding seven years.

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1934	June, 1934	July, 1933
P. E. I. -Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,100
Nova Scotia	113,198	114,010	74,715
x Halifax	68,748	107,130	67,835
New Glasgow	1,100	1,280	3,050
x Sydney	43,350	5,600	3,830
New Brunswick	515,619	51,125	78,350
Fredericton	16,200	3,650	150
x Moncton	464,410	-	65,435
x Saint John	35,009	47,475	12,765
Quebec	568,046	492,230	753,416
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	450,619	360,695	468,152
x Quebec	48,722	18,635	86,444
Shawinigan Falls	5,700	6,100	3,825
x Sherbrooke	11,775	16,100	84,600
x Three Rivers	8,550	56,600	4,575
x Westmount	42,680	34,100	105,820
Ontario	1,441,516	1,317,006	878,668
Belleville	6,200	10,500	8,000
x Brantford	46,650	25,064	14,959
Chatham	2,750	100	5,510
x Fort William	35,050	14,900	10,750
Galt	1,758	8,072	16,874
x Guelph	15,554	32,452	14,241
x Hamilton	46,830	86,170	51,375
x Kingston	7,471	22,395	59,572
x Kitchener	38,013	43,050	25,348
x London	45,555	52,210	48,475
Niagara Falls	6,493	1,860	8,379
Oshawa	13,475	6,000	2,200
x Ottawa	204,105	118,615	91,430
Owen Sound	Nil	1,750	1,300
x Peterboro	15,910	11,045	2,572
x Port Arthur	14,665	23,790	4,055
x Stratford	2,198	3,463	25,987
x St. Catharines	24,425	8,580	18,907
x St. Thomas	3,800	5,100	1,616
Sarnia	13,165	16,270	3,274
Sault Ste. Marie	7,620	7,540	4,170
x Toronto	630,333	705,438	389,471
York & East York Townships	188,365	96,880	57,125
Welland	14,710	2,700	2,465
x Windsor	42,166	5,930	5,175
East Windsor	525	Nil	Nil
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	400	Nil
Walkerville	3,000	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	10,730	6,732	5,438
Manitoba	96,887	81,440	78,595
x Brandon	4,087	1,955	4,120
St. Boniface	5,050	14,635	10,075
x Winnipeg	87,750	64,850	64,400
Saskatchewan	282,740	17,565	22,965
x Moose Jaw	254,100	3,650	4,300
x Regina	21,815	13,915	14,230
x Saskatoon	6,825	-	4,435
Alberta	78,265	93,585	109,086
x Calgary	33,600	33,848	37,448
x Edmonton	36,120	53,995	69,456
Lethbridge	8,450	5,087	1,622
Medicine Hat	95	655	560
British Columbia	122,815	197,148	161,508
Kamloops	1,000	495	6,311
Nanaimo	Nil	1,900	Nil
x New Westminster	1,700	4,100	21,150
Prince Rupert	525	7,030	6,540
x Vancouver	101,992	167,190	95,510
North Vancouver	1,125	410	1,760
x Victoria	16,473	16,023	30,237
Total -- 61 Cities	3,219,086	2,364,109	2,180,403
Total -- 35 Cities	2,911,050	2,164,063	2,008,675

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1934,
AND AUGUST, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1934.

There was a slight increase in the value of the building permits issued during August, 1934, as compared with the preceding month, while in the more significant comparison with August of last year, there was a very considerable increase; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,273,889, as compared with \$3,219,086 in July, 1934, and \$1,910,809 in August, 1933. There was, therefore, an increase of 1.7 p.c. in the first comparison and of 71.3 p.c. in the second. The aggregate value of the building authorized in the first eight months of this year, viz., \$16,775,616, was higher than in 1933, though lower than in any other year of the record; in considering these data, it should be noted that the wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1934 than in other years since 1920, with the exception of 1933, 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$900,000, and more than 1,600 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$1,980,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 200 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,000,000 and \$1,900,000, respectively.

Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported gains as compared with July, 1934, that of \$396,182 or 69.7 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$489,249 or 94.9 p.c. in New Brunswick was the greatest.

All provinces except Prince Edward Island and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year, the largest increases of \$706,656 and \$576,045 taking place in Ontario and Quebec, respectively.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with July, 1934, and also with August, 1933, while in Toronto there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Fort William, Galt, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Regina, Edmonton, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months (1926 = 100)
1934	\$ 3,273,889	\$ 16,775,616	15.4	83.4
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.2
1932	3,823,251	32,576,464	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was higher by 11.6 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in earlier years of the record; as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower in 1934 than in other years of this record except from 1931 to 1933.

Table 1 gives the values of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1934, and August, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1934.	July, 1934	August, 1933
P.E.I.-Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	10,200
Nova Scotia	95,690	113,198	84,480
x Halifax	89,645	68,748	71,800
New Glasgow	745	1,100	1,080
x Sydney	5,300	43,350	11,600
New Brunswick	26,370	515,619	18,616
Fredericton	6,420	16,200	440
x Moncton	1/ -	464,410	5,137
x Saint John	19,950	35,009	13,039
Quebec	964,228	568,046	388,183
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	618,545	450,619	269,420
x Quebec	32,873	48,722	71,328
Shawinigan Falls	250	5,700	1,900
x Sherbrooke	18,885	11,775	14,900
x Three Rivers	46,675	8,550	2,335
x Westmount	247,000	42,680	28,300
Ontario	1,709,444	1,441,516	1,002,788
Belleville	6,525	6,200	3,625
x Brantford	43,786	46,650	18,962
Chatham	5,600	2,750	44,825
x Fort William	458,950	35,050	20,800
Galt	25,985	1,758	11,465
x Guelph	10,115	15,554	5,990
x Hamilton	95,070	46,830	143,050
x Kingston	24,079	7,471	6,331
x Kitchener	29,492	38,013	18,318
x London	73,800	45,555	29,425
Niagara Falls	28,290	6,493	1,310
Oshawa	3,150	13,475	8,695
x Ottawa	135,765	204,105	119,800
Owen Sound	2,000	Nil	3,500
x Peterboro	23,979	15,910	5,873
x Port Arthur	7,400	14,665	13,005
x Stratford	4,199	2,198	4,535
x St. Catharines	9,438	24,425	19,731
x St. Thomas	1,430	3,800	10,251
Sarnia	14,070	13,165	9,693
Sault Ste. Marie	14,735	7,620	14,445
x Toronto	567,586	630,333	407,546
York & East York Townships	104,802	188,365	55,375
Welland	3,460	14,710	1,350
x Windsor	9,930	42,166	3,700
East Windsor	125	525	350
Riverside	1/ -	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	400	Nil	75
Walkerville	2,000	3,000	Nil
Woodstock	3,283	10,730	20,763
Manitoba	106,700	96,887	49,515
x Brandon	4,200	4,087	1,990
St. Boniface	10,350	5,050	3,775
x Winnipeg	92,150	87,750	43,750
Saskatchewan	51,805	282,740	34,825
x Moose Jaw	21,250	254,100	225
x Regina	25,170	21,815	10,475
x Saskatoon	5,385	6,825	24,125
Alberta	122,451	78,265	138,531
x Calgary	48,276	33,600	96,777
x Edmonton	70,470	36,120	34,465
Lethbridge	2,090	8,450	2,734
Medicine Hat	1,615	95	4,555
British Columbia	197,201	122,815	183,671
Kamloops	4,450	1,000	7,635
Nanaimo	5,730	Nil	3,090
x New Westminster	8,050	1,700	1,415
Prince Rupert	1,050	525	2,267
x Vancouver	148,350	101,992	139,410
North Vancouver	3,290	1,125	1,200
x Victoria	26,281	16,473	28,654
Total - 61 Cities	3,273,889	3,219,086	1,910,809
Total - x 35 Cities	3,023,474	2,911,050	1,696,462
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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1934, AND SEPTEMBER, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The value of the building authorized in 61 cities during September stood at \$2,247,784; this was a seasonal decrease of \$1,026,705 or 31.4 p.c. from the total of \$3,274,489 in August, 1934, but an increase of \$260,881 or 13.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted aggregated \$1,986,903. The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of this year, viz., \$19,024,000, was higher than in 1933, though lower than in any other year of the record; in considering these data, it should be noted that the wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1934 than in other years since 1920, with the exception of 1933, 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 135 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$480,000, and nearly 1,750 permits for other buildings valued at about \$1,375,000. In addition, three cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$17,327. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 250 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$1,930,000, respectively.

New Brunswick reported a slight increase in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1934, while in the remaining provinces there were declines, that of \$562,037 or 32.9 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1933, there was improvement in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan. The greatest gain of \$341,345 or 42.3 p.c. was reported in Ontario. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, that of \$107,202 or 38.3 p.c. in British Columbia was most marked.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto registered smaller totals of permits issued than in August, but the value in each case was higher than in September, 1933. Winnipeg and Vancouver showed decreases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Sydney, Saint John, Guelph, Owen Sound, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, East Windsor, Woodstock, Regina, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat recorded increases as compared both with August, 1934, and September, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months (Average 1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,247,784	\$ 19,024,000	15.8	83.4
1933	1,986,903	16,394,014	13.6	77.5
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,394,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,898	106,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was higher by 16.0 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in earlier years of the record; the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials, however, were also lower in 1934 than in other years of this record, except from 1931 to 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during August and September, 1934, and September, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

C i t i e s	September	August	September
	1934	1934	1933
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	-	-	17,200
Nova Scotia	62,528	95,690	40,023
x Halifax	46,864	89,645	32,486
New Glasgow	1,322	745	5,507
x Sydney	14,342	5,300	2,030
New Brunswick	27,034	26,370	39,647
Fredericton	Nil	6,420	6,925
x Moncton	1,082	-	21,225
x Saint John	25,952	19,950	11,497
Quebec	629,190	964,228	572,637
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	543,508	618,545	454,544
x Quebec	45,518	32,873	72,594
Shawinigan Falls	1,100	250	5,650
x Sherbrooke	9,600	18,885	8,600
x Three Rivers	13,700	46,675	1,380
x Westmount	15,764	247,000	29,869
Ontario	1,148,007	1,710,044	806,662
Belleville	5,700	6,525	3,060
x Brantford	20,355	43,786	3,935
Chatham	2,900	5,600	4,000
x Fort William	16,600	458,950	34,500
Galt	1,724	25,985	17,968
x Guelph	13,861	10,115	9,488
x Hamilton	80,635	95,070	44,175
x Kingston	12,085	24,079	9,316
x Kitchener	13,005	29,492	17,929
x London	48,700	73,800	33,050
Niagara Falls	1,316	28,290	6,288
Oshawa	5,200	3,150	7,350
x Ottawa	45,180	135,765	125,185
Owen Sound	6,475	2,000	4,600
x Peterboro	6,536	23,979	5,930
x Port Arthur	8,415	7,400	10,516
x Stratford	6,272	4,199	4,320
x St. Catharines	29,905	9,438	13,911
x St. Thomas	1,605	1,430	14,365
Sarnia	25,400	14,070	3,203
Sault Ste. Marie	165,375	14,735	14,842
x Toronto	523,861	567,586	327,017
York & East York Townships	52,390	104,802	80,455
Welland	32,180	3,460	3,360
x Windsor	7,165	9,930	3,510
East Windsor	4,125	125	100
Riverside	Nil	600	Nil
Sandwich	300	400	Nil
Walkerville	1,000	2,000	1,000
Woodstock	9,742	3,283	3,289
Manitoba	66,365	106,700	112,575
x Brandon	1,600	4,200	8,800
St. Boniface	2,215	10,350	5,925
x Winnipeg	62,550	92,150	97,850
Saskatchewan	48,717	51,805	20,001
x Moose Jaw	5,500	21,250	900
x Regina	38,822	25,170	14,161
x Saskatoon	4,395	5,385	4,940
Alberta	93,475	122,451	98,488
x Calgary	29,235	48,276	43,779
x Edmonton	50,660	70,470	50,739
Lethbridge	9,790	2,090	3,085
Medicine Hat	3,790	1,615	885
British Columbia	172,468	197,201	279,670
Kamloops	1,700	4,450	1,574
Nanaimo	1,380	5,730	5,850
x New Westminster	7,500	8,050	8,400
Prince Rupert	1,730	1,050	11,500
x Vancouver	134,451	146,350	211,985
North Vancouver	620	3,290	3,090
x Victoria	25,087	26,281	37,271
Total - 61 Cities	2,247,784	3,274,439	1,986,903
Total - x 35 Cities	1,910,310	3,023,474	1,770,197

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1934, AND OCTOBER, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October was \$2,721,919; this was an increase of \$474,135 or 21.1 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$2,247,784, and of \$946,867 or 53.3 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$1,775,052 for October, 1933. The value of the building permits issued in the first ten months of 1934 amounted to \$21,745,919, an increase of \$3,576,853 over the total for the same period in 1933; however, the aggregate was lower than in earlier years of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$630,000, and about 2,300 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$1,565,000. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 135 dwellings and 1,750 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$480,000 and \$1,375,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1934, that of \$362,436 or 31.6 p.c. in Ontario being greatest. The decreases in the remaining provinces in this comparison were slight, New Brunswick showing the largest decline of \$4,097 or 15.2 p.c.

In comparison with October, 1933, there was improvement in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, from which no statement was received for the month under review. Ontario reported the most pronounced increase, amounting to \$789,970 or 109.6 p.c.

Montreal showed a decrease as compared with September, 1934, and also with October, 1933; in Vancouver, there was a decline as compared with September, 1934, but an improvement over October, 1933, while Toronto and Winnipeg recorded increases in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec City, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, York & East York Townships, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, Walkerville, Brandon, Regina, Edmonton, Prince Rupert and North Vancouver reported increases over both September, 1934, and October, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1934.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,721,919	21,745,919	16.1	83.3
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of 1934 was higher by 19.7 p.c. than in 1933, but was lower than in any other year since 1920; the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was also lower in 1934 than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 61 cities during September and October, 1934, and October, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	October, 1934	September, 1934	October, 1933
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,000
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	81,145	62,528	46,871
New Glasgow	79,220	46,864	38,293
x Sydney	175	1,322	1,333
New Brunswick	1,750	14,342	7,245
Fredericton	22,937	27,034	12,108
x Moncton	1,500	Nil	1,300
x Saint John	1,082	1,082	3,296
Quebec	20,355	25,952	7,512
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	624,380	629,190	593,567
x Quebec	369,927	543,508	507,598
Shawinigan Falls	54,390	45,518	42,579
x Sherbrooke	350	1,100	125
x Three Rivers	6,200	9,600	13,500
x Westmount	138,550	13,700	3,340
Ontario	54,963	15,764	26,425
Belleville	1,510,443	1,148,007	720,473
x Brantford	8,750	5,700	600
Chatham	15,537	20,355	16,928
x Fort William	6,950	2,900	1,550
Galt	7,680	16,600	10,450
x Guelph	10,271	1,724	10,820
x Hamilton	3,581	13,861	8,216
x Kingston	79,455	80,635	22,380
x Kitchener	10,948	12,085	15,440
x London	20,681	13,005	20,410
Niagara Falls	34,465	48,700	41,825
Oshawa	62,933	1,316	5,556
x Ottawa	5,395	5,200	4,400
Owen Sound	184,070	45,180	107,705
x Peterborough	560	6,475	1,600
x Port Arthur	18,396	6,536	2,880
x Stratford	13,080	8,415	1,995
x St. Catharines	12,180	6,272	1,795
x St. Thomas	132,128	29,905	9,373
Sarnia	871	1,605	19,025
Sault Ste. Marie	4,549	25,400	1,985
x Toronto	7,885	165,375	4,995
York & East York Townships	721,811	523,861	330,723
Welland	79,886	52,390	63,850
x Windsor	4,845	32,180	4,515
East Windsor	26,000	7,165	4,745
Riverside	10,250	4,125	1,100
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	19,200	300	150
Woodstock	4,000	1,000	Nil
Manitoba	4,086	9,742	5,462
x Brandon	146,510	66,365	104,325
St. Boniface	7,150	1,600	475
x Winnipeg	7,360	2,215	13,050
Saskatchewan	132,000	62,550	90,800
x Moose Jaw	50,780	48,717	39,277
x Regina	4,230	5,500	11,645
x Saskatoon	44,815	38,822	19,777
Alberta	1,735	4,395	7,855
x Calgary	113,834	93,475	94,444
x Edmonton	43,896	29,235	49,707
Lethbridge	58,023	50,660	38,260
Medicine Hat	9,030	9,790	4,977
British Columbia	2,885	3,790	1,500
Kamloops	171,890	172,468	140,987
Nanaimo	1,195	1,700	1,070
x New Westminster	1,285	1,380	3,986
Prince Rupert	8,250	7,500	14,000
x Vancouver	5,060	1,730	960
North Vancouver	133,610	134,451	85,050
x Victoria	4,685	620	3,368
Victoria	17,805	25,087	32,553
Total - 61 Cities	2,721,919	2,247,784	1,775,052
Total - x35 Cities	2,458,834	1,910,310	1,613,800

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1934, AND NOVEMBER, 1933, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$2,601,418. This was a seasonal decline of \$120,501 or 4.4 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$2,721,919, but an increase of \$977,280, or 60.2 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the November, 1933, figure of \$1,624,138. The value of the building authorized during the first eleven months of 1934 amounted to \$24,326,224, an increase of \$4,533,020 over the total for the same period in 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued 250 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$900,000, and about 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,605,000. In addition, authority was granted for an engineering project valued at \$24,120. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 350 dwellings and 2,300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$630,000 and \$1,565,000, respectively.

Ontario and Saskatchewan reported increases of 13.0 p.c. and 37.2 p.c., respectively, in the value of the building authorized as compared with October, 1934. Reductions were indicated in the remaining provinces, those of \$132,504, or 21.2 p.c. in Quebec and \$122,060 or 83.3 p.c. in Manitoba being largest.

As compared with November, 1933, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases, of which the greatest was that of \$737,255 or 76.0 p.c. in Ontario. There was a decline of \$26,635 or 52.1 p.c. in this comparison in Manitoba.

Of the four largest centres, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November of last year; in Montreal and Vancouver, the aggregate value was higher than in November, 1933, but lower than in October of this year, while in Winnipeg there was a reduction in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fredericton, Westmount, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, London, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, East Windsor, Riverside, Woodstock, Regina, Kamloops and New Westminster reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1934.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers for wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,601,418	\$ 24,326,224	16.8	83.1
1933	1,624,138	19,793,204	13.7	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.2
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was higher by 22.9 p.c. than in 1933, though it was lower than in other years since 1920; in this connection it should be noted that the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also lower in 1934 than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in October and November, 1934, and November, 1933. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	November, 1934	October, 1934	November, 1933
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$-	\$-	\$-
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	66,300	81,145	47,600
New Glasgow	64,425	79,220	44,910
x Sydney	450	175	1,690
New Brunswick	1,425	1,750	1,000
Fredericton	21,125	22,937	13,485
x Moncton	5,300	1,500	3,000
x Saint John	2,130	1,082	2,537
Quebec	13,695	20,355	7,948
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	491,876	624,380	355,692
x Quebec	337,786	369,927	237,742
Shawinigan Falls	25,960	54,390	34,765
x Sherbrooke	1,000	350	1,000
x Three Rivers	19,100	6,200	21,500
x Westmount	2,950	138,550	1,150
ntario	105,080	54,963	59,535
Belleville	1,707,301	1,510,443	970,046
x Brantford	5,625	8,750	1,200
Chatham	26,545	15,537	31,592
x Fort William	3,150	6,950	2,535
Galt	7,850	7,680	11,600
x Guelph	22,810	10,271	613
x Hamilton	9,060	3,581	4,750
x Kingston	33,625	79,455	26,460
x Kitchener	13,768	10,948	10,198
x London	12,737	20,681	1,989
Niagara Falls	134,925	34,465	49,490
Oshawa	1,930	62,933	1,690
x Ottawa	1,825	5,395	11,100
Owen Sound	79,780	184,070	59,965
x Peterborough	3,300	560	2,400
x Port Arthur	3,434	18,396	9,840
x Stratford	2,275	13,080	10,695
x St. Catharines	5,330	12,180	8,545
x St. Thomas	13,625	132,128	1,370
Sarnia	2,485	871	3,575
Sault Ste. Marie	3,915	4,549	12,720
x Toronto	21,230	7,885	3,310
York & East York Townships	1,050,776	721,811	647,970
Welland	63,927	79,886	45,195
x Windsor	325	4,845	670
East Windsor	33,180	26,000	5,475
Riverside	125,000	10,250	Nil
Sandwich	2,500	Nil	Nil
Walkerville	13,900	19,200	Nil
Woodstock	3,000	4,000	Nil
itoba	5,469	4,086	5,099
Brandon	24,450	146,510	51,085
St. Boniface	2,200	7,150	Nil
Winnipeg	1,500	7,360	10,685
atchewan	20,750	132,000	40,400
Moose Jaw	69,689	50,780	8,575
Regina	950	4,230	25
Saskatoon	67,139	44,815	5,605
erta	1,600	1,735	2,945
Calgary	62,424	113,834	61,784
Edmonton	37,526	43,896	34,864
Lethbridge	21,560	58,023	21,470
Medicine Hat	1,248	9,030	4,950
ish Columbia	2,090	2,885	500
Kamloops	158,253	171,890	115,871
Nanaimo	3,972	1,195	3,390
New Westminster	948	1,285	4,400
Prince Rupert	11,490	8,250	1,000
Vancouver	1,925	5,060	275
North Vancouver	115,240	133,610	78,314
Victoria	475	4,685	350
	24,203	17,805	28,042
61 Cities	2,601,418	2,721,919	1,624,138
x35 Cities	2,304,604	2,458,834	1,507,266

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1934, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1934, AND DECEMBER, 1933, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-34.

The building permits issued by 61 cities in December, 1934, represented construction work valued at \$2,496,535, as compared with \$2,606,868 in November, 1934, and \$1,983,292 in December, 1933. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$110,333 or 4.2 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, but an increase of \$513,243 or 25.9 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the same month of 1933. The value of the building authorized during 1934 was \$26,828,209, an increase of \$5,051,713 or 23.2 p.c. over the total for 1933; the 1933 figures are based on revised statistics furnished by city officials, while those for 1934 are at present unrevised. Revised figures for 1934 will be published next month.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued some 125 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$400,000 and over 450 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of about \$1,900,000. There were also four permits taken out for engineering work at a cost of \$104,000. During November, the construction of some 250 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$900,000 and \$1,605,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in the value of the authorized building, Alberta showing the greatest gain of \$144,074 or 230.8 p.c. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$237,597 or 48.3 p.c. in Quebec being most pronounced.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases as compared with December, 1933, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison also, Ontario reported the greatest gain of \$826,568 or 83.6 p.c. Of the reductions in the remaining provinces, that of \$583,961 or 69.7 p.c. in Quebec was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto registered increases, both as compared with November, 1934, and December, 1933. Vancouver reported a decline as compared with November, 1934, but an increase over December, 1933, while Montreal and Winnipeg showed reductions in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Brantford, Chatham, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sarnia, York and East York, Welland, Walkerville, Woodstock, St. Boniface, Calgary, Lethbridge and Nanaimo recorded advances as compared with the preceding month, and also with December, 1933.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1934.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during the Decembers of the years since 1920, and also for the completed years; the 1934 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-34.

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100)
1934	\$ 2,496,535	\$ 26,828,209	17.2	83.0
1933	1,983,292	21,776,496	13.9	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1934 indicate that last year's aggregate was 23.2 p.c. higher than in 1933, though it was lower than in other years since 1920; in this connection, it should be noted that the Bureau's index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials were also lower in 1934 than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	December, 1934	November, 1934	December, 1933
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	2,850	1/ 5,450	Nil
Nova Scotia	42,211	66,300	11,540
x Halifax	40,811	64,425	8,940
New Glasgow	1,400	450	600
x Sydney	Nil	1,425	2,000
New Brunswick	20,945	21,125	57,020
Fredericton	Nil	5,300	55,000
x Moncton	2,535	2,130	360
x Saint John	18,410	13,695	1,660
Quebec	254,279	491,876	838,240
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	169,735	337,786	547,215
x Quebec	5,369	25,960	256,530
Shawinigan Falls	55,250	1,000	4,620
x Sherbrooke	7,500	19,100	5,000
x Three Rivers	675	2,950	600
x Westmount	15,750	105,080	24,275
Ontario	1,815,106	1,707,301	988,538
Belleville	Nil	5,625	Nil
x Brantford	43,950	26,545	36,088
Chatham	8,400	3,150	100
x Fort William	6,170	7,850	100
Galt	60	22,810	120
x Guelph	4,355	9,060	25,650
x Hamilton	90,165	33,625	31,500
x Kingston	3,200	13,768	950
x Kitchener	4,140	12,737	224
x London	84,360	134,925	102,725
Niagara Falls	8,678	1,930	2,965
Oshawa	2,000	1,825	Nil
x Ottawa	14,155	79,780	1,450
Owen Sound	800	3,300	Nil
x Peterborough	4,208	3,434	500
x Port Arthur	7,190	2,275	540
x Stratford	545	5,330	1,420
x St. Catharines	6,145	13,625	4,575
x St. Thomas	15,950	2,485	350
Sarnia	7,375	3,915	2,515
Sault Ste. Marie	935	21,230	2,640
x Toronto	1,392,627	1,050,776	698,745
York & East York Townships	78,805	63,927	54,375
Welland	1,850	325	50
x Windsor	3,400	33,180	11,550
East Windsor	100	125,000	Nil
Riverside	Nil	2,500	5,000
Sandwich	12,700	13,900	Nil
Walkerville	6,000	3,000	1,000
Woodstock	6,843	5,469	3,406
Manitoba	43,200	24,450	21,000
x Brandon	2,000	2,200	2,200
St. Boniface	26,850	1,500	350
x Winnipeg	14,350	20,750	18,450
Saskatchewan	8,525	69,689	9,950
x Moose Jaw	350	950	Nil
x Regina	7,775	67,139	8,175
x Saskatoon	400	1,600	1,775
Alberta	206,498	62,424	13,364
x Calgary	190,806	37,526	8,052
x Edmonton	8,085	21,560	4,535
Lethbridge	5,607	1,248	742
Medicine Hat	2,000	2,090	35
British Columbia	102,921	158,253	43,640
Kamloops	120	3,972	517
Nanaimo	4,297	948	2,500
x New Westminster	2,100	11,490	800
Prince Rupert	Nil	1,925	1,060
x Vancouver	85,050	115,240	21,575
North Vancouver	145	475	1,075
x Victoria	11,209	24,203	16,113
Total - 61 Cities	2,496,535	1/ 2,606,868	1,983,292
Total - x35 Cities	2,263,470	2,304,604	1,844,622

1/ Includes Charlottetown, not previously included in the November total.

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR DECEMBER, 1934, AND JANUARY, 1934.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the total was slightly higher than in January, 1934; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$786,544, compared with \$2,521,820 in December, 1934, and \$707,812 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 68.8 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 11.1 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 75 permits for dwellings valued at about \$310,000, and about 375 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$330,000. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 125 dwellings and 450 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$400,000 and \$1,900,000, respectively.

Saskatchewan was the only province to report an increase in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1934, there being a gain of \$10,360 in this comparison. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the greatest were those of \$1,366,506 or 74.9 p.c. in Ontario, and of \$182,559 or 83.4 p.c. in Alberta.

As compared with January, 1934, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases; these were in each case on a small scale, that of \$29,622 or 35.2 p.c. in British Columbia being largest. There were percentages declines of 54.8 and 84.4 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, respectively, but the reduction in the actual value of the authorized building was small, amounting to \$17,040 in Nova Scotia and \$15,967 in New Brunswick.

In Winnipeg and Vancouver there were increases in the value of the building permits granted over the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year, while in Montreal and Toronto, there were declines in the former, but increases in the latter comparison. The following cities reported increases in both comparisons - Sydney, Quebec, Three Rivers, Guelph, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and New Westminster.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average =100)
1935	\$ 786,544	16.7	81.8
1934	707,812	15.0	82.1
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.7
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.4
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.0
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.4
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	121.3	96.8
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.4
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1934 and 1935 figures for January were the smallest in this record of sixteen years, but it should also be noted that the wholesale costs of building materials were lower in January of these two years than in the winter of any other year since 1920, except 1932 and 1933.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in January, 1935, and December and January, 1934. The statistics for all but the present year are based on revised statements furnished by the civic officials after the close of the year. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	January, 1935	December, 1934	January, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 2,850	\$ -
Nova Scotia	14,075	42,211	31,115
x Halifax	12,075	40,811	31,115
New Glasgow	Nil	1,400	Nil
x Sydney	2,000	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	2,950	20,945	18,917
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	Nil	2,535	3,512
x St. John	2,950	18,410	15,405
Quebec	114,055	254,279	89,657
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	86,135	169,735	75,625
x Quebec	22,800	5,369	8,405
Shawinigan Falls	270	55,250	150
x Sherbrooke	3,550	7,500	4,550
x Three Rivers	800	675	700
x Westmount	500	15,750	225
Ontario	458,600	1,825,106	444,620
Belleville	280	Nil	300
x Brantford	10,105	43,950	20,857
Chatham	Nil	8,400	2,500
x Fort William	500	6,170	2,000
Galt	250	60	4,710
x Guelph	4,900	4,355	100
x Hamilton	37,360	90,165	22,750
x Kingston	75	3,200	5,010
x Kitchener	1,520	4,140	1,055
x London	8,220	84,360	38,705
Niagara Falls	1,590	8,678	50
Oshawa	1,000	2,000	Nil
x Ottawa	6,670	14,155	47,065
Owen Sound	1,400	800	Nil
x Peterborough	300	4,208	11,930
x Port Arthur	Nil	7,190	1,900
x Stratford	325	545	175
x St. Catharines	773	6,145	5,050
x St. Thomas	500	15,950	4,550
Sarnia	1,000	7,375	1,299
Sault Ste. Marie	2,500	935	248
x Toronto	345,338	1,392,627	226,343
York & East York Townships	24,184	88,805	31,560
Welland	Nil	1,850	3,231
x Windsor	5,925	3,400	10,250
East Windsor	Nil	100	Nil
x Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	12,700	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	6,000	Nil
Woodstock	3,885	6,843	2,982
Manitoba	40,150	42,850	12,725
x Brandon	Nil	2,000	Nil
St. Boniface	600	26,500	1,275
x Winnipeg	39,550	14,350	11,450
Saskatchewan	18,885	8,525	3,735
x Moose Jaw	7,000	350	Nil
x Regina	4,650	7,775	3,435
x Saskatoon	7,235	400	300
Alberta	23,939	206,498	22,777
x Calgary	15,419	190,806	14,137
x Edmonton	7,310	8,085	8,490
Lethbridge	1,210	5,607	Nil
Medicine Hat	Nil	2,000	150
British Columbia	113,890	118,556	84,263
Kamloops	340	120	2,700
Nanaimo	1,575	4,297	475
x New Westminster	5,050	2,100	2,000
Prince Rupert	480	Nil	1,800
x Vancouver	86,345	85,085	51,229
North Vancouver	50	145	1,435
x Victoria	20,050	26,809	24,629
Total - 61 Cities	786,544	2,521,820	707,812
x Total - 35 Cities	745,930	2,279,105	641,079

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1935, AND FEBRUARY, 1934.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 61 cities during February, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showed a decided increase, being higher by \$2,811,905, or 357.5 p.c., than in the preceding month and by \$2,704,347, or 302.5 p.c., than in February of last year; the total stood at \$3,598,449 during February, 1935, as compared with \$786,544 in January, 1935, and \$894,102 in February, 1934. The authorizations reported in February were greater in value than in the same month of any other year since 1931; they also exceeded those indicated in any month of 1934. One large permit in Ottawa contributed materially to the increase, but the general trend shown in this report is strongly upward.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted 95 permits for dwellings valued at over \$300,000 and more than 500 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$2,808,365. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 75 dwellings and 375 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$310,000 and \$330,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1935; the largest gain, of \$1,940,126 or 423.1 p.c., took place in Ontario. Saskatchewan showed a decline of \$10,460, or 55.4 p.c., in this comparison.

As compared with February, 1934, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$1,932,899, or 414.9 p.c., in Ontario being most marked. New Brunswick and Saskatchewan reported reductions of \$4,355, or 29.4 p.c., and \$12,925, or 60.5 p.c., respectively, in this comparison.

Each of the larger cities, - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, - recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1935, and also as compared with February, 1934. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, Hamilton, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Sarnia, York & East York Townships, Riverside, Brandon, St. Boniface, Calgary, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria reported improvement in each of these comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months (1926=100)
1935	\$ 3,598,449	\$ 4,384,993	37.0	81.7
1934	894,102	1,601,914	13.5	82.2
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1935 was substantially higher than in the same months of 1934 and 1933, though it was lower than in earlier years of the record. The index of wholesale prices of building materials was fractionally lower than in 1934, but it was higher than in 1933 and 1932; this index was, however, considerably lower in the first two months of the present year than in the months January-February of any other year since 1920.

Estimated Value of New Building as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	February 1935	January 1935	February 1934
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 10,150	\$ -	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	35,000	14,075	32,240
x Halifax	30,000	12,075	30,740
New Glasgow	3,500	Nil	1,500
x Sydney	1,500	2,000	Nil
New Brunswick	10,460	2,950	14,815
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	7,710	Nil	5,150
x St. John	2,750	2,950	9,665
Quebec	521,373	114,055	198,455
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	487,638	86,135	132,765
x Quebec	17,460	22,800	54,880
Shawinigan Falls	300	270	Nil
x Sherbrooke	6,600	3,550	6,150
x Three Rivers	3,725	800	60
x Westmount	5,650	500	4,600
Ontario	2,398,726	458,600	465,827
Belleville	Nil	280	1,050
x Brantford	8,624	10,105	10,470
Chatham	20,735	Nil	200
x Fort William	300	500	11,150
Galt	1,300	250	35,600
x Guelph	2,850	4,900	1,500
x Hamilton	55,530	37,360	16,550
x Kingston	Nil	75	3,450
x Kitchener	9,600	1,520	13,135
x London	48,497	8,220	40,865
Niagara Falls	21,550	1,590	2
Oshawa	Nil	1,000	2,500
x Ottawa	1,151,390	6,670	39,200
Owen Sound	550	1,400	Nil
x Peterborough	375	300	8,800
x Port Arthur	375	Nil	2,705
x Stratford	Nil	325	200
x St. Catharines	1,050	773	4,060
x St. Thomas	100	500	75
Sarnia	4,420	1,000	2,965
Sault Ste. Marie	2,300	2,500	145
x Toronto	1,025,400	345,338	245,160
York & East York Townships	33,110	24,184	10,450
Willand	150	Nil	1,550
x Windsor	10,300	5,925	12,530
East Windsor	Nil	Nil	300
Riverside	200	Nil	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	800
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	20	3,885	415
Manitoba	305,700	40,150	14,100
x Brandon	3,600	Nil	2,200
St. Boniface	9,850	600	1,300
x Winnipeg	292,250	39,550	10,600
Saskatchewan	8,425	18,885	21,350
x Moose Jaw	175	7,000	75
x Regina	7,900	4,650	11,890
x Saskatoon	350	7,235	9,385
Alberta	63,446	23,939	17,568
x Calgary	56,211	15,419	9,891
x Edmonton	5,975	7,310	4,535
Lethbridge	1,225	1,210	1,892
Medicine Hat	35	Nil	1,250
British Columbia	245,169	113,890	129,747
x Nanaimo	3,435	340	2,650
Victoria	2,100	1,575	620
x New Westminster	25,535	5,050	4,040
Prince Rupert	2,400	480	1,275
x Vancouver	167,675	86,345	87,710
North Vancouver	2,650	50	665
Victoria	41,374	20,050	32,787
Total - 61 Cities	3,598,449	786,544	894,102
Total - 35 Cities	3,478,469	745,930	826,973

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1935, AND MARCH, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1935.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during March was \$4,009,675; this was an increase of \$411,226 or 11.4 p.c. over the February total of \$3,598,449, while there was also the substantial increase of \$2,900,590 or 261.5 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the aggregate of \$1,109,085 reported for March, 1934. The authorization of a large public building in Winnipeg was an important factor in the increase during the month under review, but the general movement in construction activities shown in this report is also decidedly upward. The value of the building authorized during the first quarter of the present year amounted to \$8,394,668, an increase of \$5,683,669, or 209.7 p.c. over the same period of 1934; it was also higher by 173.8 p.c. than in the months, January-March of 1933, but was lower than in the first quarter of any other year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 150 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$450,000 and some 1,000 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,400,000. In addition, one centre reported that it had authorized an engineering project valued at approximately \$14,000. In February, authority was given for the erection of some 95 dwellings and more than 500 other buildings, estimated to involve expenditures of approximately \$300,000 and \$2,808,365, respectively.

New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1935, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$1,216,850 or 398.1 p.c. in Manitoba. The largest decline in the remaining provinces was that of \$673,976 or 28.1 p.c. in Ontario.

As compared with March, 1934, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases, those of \$1,269,709 or 279.0 p.c. in Ontario and \$1,492,454, or almost fifty-fold in Manitoba being most marked. The reductions elsewhere recorded were small, the largest being that of \$54,256 or 18 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed increases as compared with February, 1935, and March, 1934, those in the former city being substantial. Toronto reported a slight decline in the first, but a large gain in the second comparison, while Montreal recorded losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Belleville, Brantford, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Port Arthur, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York & East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Riverside, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Lethbridge, Mancimo and Prince Rupert reported higher totals than in either February, 1935, or March, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in first quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in first quarter (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter (1926=100)
1935	\$ 4,009,675	\$ 8,394,668	37.3	81.6
1934	1,109,085	2,710,999	12.1	82.2
1933	953,966	3,065,821	13.6	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

As already stated, the total value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1935 was higher than in the same period of 1934 or 1933, but with these exceptions, was lower than in any other year since 1920.

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.			
Cities	March 1935	February 1935	March 1934
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ 10,150	\$ 1,300
Nova Scotia	25,875	35,000	27,105
x Halifax	24,575	30,000	26,355
New Glasgow	Nil	3,500	400
x Sydney	1,300	1,500	350
New Brunswick	14,968	10,460	18,050
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	4,460	7,710	725
x Saint John	10,508	2,750	17,325
Quebec	247,850	521,373	302,106
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	191,910	487,638	198,711
x Quebec	25,090	17,460	44,570
Shawinigan Falls	1,850	300	200
x Sherbrooke	10,700	6,600	8,000
x Three Rivers	5,800	3,725	Nil
x Westmount	12,500	5,650	50,625
Ontario	1,724,750	2,398,726	455,041
Belleville	2,500	Nil	2,255
x Brantford	28,261	8,624	6,078
Chatham	12,650	20,735	2,300
x Fort William	7,500	300	15,550
Galt	8,566	1,300	11,680
x Guelph	3,775	2,850	150
x Hamilton	47,640	55,530	6,950
x Kingston	1,370	Nil	2,760
x Kitchener	20,470	9,600	8,625
x London	99,580	48,497	15,315
Niagara Falls	715	21,550	1,131
Oshawa	550	Nil	500
x Ottawa	331,580	1,151,390	15,035
Owen Sound	5,400	550	Nil
x Peterborough	2,580	375	1,125
x Port Arthur	3,393	375	2,547
x Stratford	845	Nil	5,950
x St. Catharines	4,683	1,050	2,333
x St. Thomas	1,000	100	3,220
Sarnia	2,840	4,420	4,015
Sault Ste. Marie	7,275	2,300	405
x Toronto	1,021,677	1,025,400	322,262
York & East York Townships	72,345	33,110	12,550
Welland	10,895	150	1,685
x Windsor	14,975	10,300	8,175
East Windsor	1,550	Nil	1,100
Riverside	1,050	200	Nil
Sandwich	Nil	Nil	600
Walkerville	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	9,085	20	745
Manitoba	1,522,550	305,700	30,096
x Brandon	400	3,600	4,896
St. Boniface	1,800	9,850	2,200
x Winnipeg	1,520,350	292,250	23,000
Saskatchewan	45,255	8,425	18,670
x Moose Jaw	3,975	175	1,100
x Regina	21,000	7,900	16,170
x Saskatoon	20,280	350	1,400
Alberta	212,740	63,446	77,917
x Calgary	180,723	56,211	48,725
x Edmonton	18,890	5,975	24,335
Lethbridge	11,165	1,225	357
Medicine Hat	1,962	35	4,500
British Columbia	215,687	245,169	178,800
Kamloops	2,425	3,435	735
Nanaimo	2,800	2,100	1,100
x New Westminster	5,595	25,535	6,500
Prince Rupert	3,200	2,400	850
x Vancouver	168,390	167,675	131,350
North Vancouver	415	2,650	825
x Victoria	32,862	41,374	37,440
Total - 61 cities	4,009,675	3,598,449	1,109,085
Total - x35 cities	3,848,637	3,478,469	1,047,652

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1935,
AND APRIL, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 61 cities which granted building permits valued at \$6,272,052 during April, as compared with \$4,009,675 in the preceding month, and \$2,269,157 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$2,262,377 or 56.4 p.c. as compared with March, while there was also a pronounced increase of \$4,002,895 or 176.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with April, 1934. So far in 1935, the value of building authorized in each month has been higher than in the same month of last year, while the total for each of the last three months has also exceeded that for the corresponding months of 1933 or 1932. The cumulative total for the first four months of the present year was consequently higher than in the period January-April of 1932, 1933 or 1934. Although the improvement is mainly due to the granting of construction permits for large public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been decidedly favourable as compared with the last few years. However, in comparison with earlier years of the record (viz., 1920-1931), the value of building authorization continues low. The index of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of the present year, at 81.5 p.c. of the 1926 average, was lower than in the same period of any other of the sixteen years for which building permits statistics are available, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for April, 1935, showing that they had issued more than 350 permits for dwellings valued at over \$2,500,000, and for almost 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost over \$3,200,000. In addition, Brantford reported an engineering project valued at approximately \$8,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 150 dwellings and 1,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$450,000 and \$3,400,000 respectively, while one engineering project valued at approximately \$14,000 was also reported.

All provinces except Manitoba recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during April as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gains of \$1,793,634 or 104.0 p.c. and \$1,557,866 or 628.6 p.c. taking place in Ontario and Quebec, respectively.

As compared with April, 1934, there were increases in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, those of \$2,486,456 or 241.0 p.c. in Ontario, and \$1,306,968 or 262.0 p.c. in Quebec being especially notable.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1934; the increase in Montreal was particularly pronounced. In Toronto and Winnipeg, the value was lower than in March, 1935, but higher than in April, 1934. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Windsor, East Windsor, Riverside, Walkerville, Brandon, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1935, and also with April, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months (1926 average = 100)
1935	\$ 6,272,052	\$14,666,720	35.1	81.5
1934	2,269,157	4,930,156	12.0	82.4
1933	1,595,502	4,661,323	11.2	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,373	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

As already stated, the aggregate for the first four months of this year was approximately three times greater than in the same period of 1933 and 1934, also exceeding the total for the months January - April of 1932. However, the value was lower than in any other year since 1920. It must also be noted that the index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the present year have been lower than in any of the years from 1920 to 1931; they were also slightly below the 1934 level, though higher than in 1932 or 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during April and March, 1935, and April, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities

Cities	April 1935	March 1935	April 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
Nova Scotia			
x Halifax	58,015	25,875	64,200
New Glasgow	55,540	24,575	62,170
x Sydney	1,825	-	830
New Brunswick	650	1,300	1,200
Fredericton	37,483	14,968	40,645
x Moncton	350	-	2,150
x Saint John	17,705	4,460	7,180
Quebec	19,428	10,508	31,315
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,805,716	247,850	498,748
x Quebec	1,680,591	191,910	335,018
Shawinigan Falls	59,690	25,090	39,180
x Sherbrooke	635	1,850	17,580
x Three Rivers	34,650	10,700	12,000
x Westmount	5,420	5,800	38,980
Ontario	24,730	12,500	55,990
Belleville	3,518,384	1,724,750	1,031,928
x Brantford	13,550	2,500	2,050
Chatham	12,610	28,261	16,478
x Fort William	7,450	12,650	14,250
Galt	15,500	7,500	26,150
x Guelph	5,695	8,566	4,942
x Hamilton	23,707	3,775	10,010
x Kingston	916,285	47,640	101,655
x Kitchener	23,319	1,370	21,634
x London	54,742	20,470	32,413
Niagara Falls	1,065,170	99,580	39,485
Oshawa	1,090	715	500
x Ottawa	3,040	550	7,325
Owen Sound	250,490	331,580	124,020
x Peterborough	5,875	5,400	6,000
x Port Arthur	12,030	2,580	10,460
x Stratford	28,042	3,393	5,865
x St. Catharines	8,791	845	6,183
x St. Thomas	22,845	4,683	10,177
Sarnia	2,210	1,000	1,070
Sault Ste. Marie	8,989	2,840	3,510
x Toronto	17,370	7,275	9,640
York & East York Townships	616,214	1,021,677	462,603
Welland	273,770	72,345	65,207
x Windsor	11,550	10,895	32,360
East Windsor	98,990	14,975	6,755
Riverside	2,500	1,550	950
Sandwich	1,300	1,050	-
Walkerville	-	-	300
Woodstock	8,000	-	2,000
Manitoba	7,260	9,085	7,936
x Brandon	115,600	1,522,550	61,614
St. Boniface	52,850	400	2,714
x Winnipeg	3,700	1,800	4,050
Saskatchewan	59,050	1,520,350	54,850
x Moose Jaw	58,540	45,255	69,860
x Regina	20,555	3,975	56,650
x Saskatoon	18,235	21,000	7,825
Alberta	19,750	20,280	5,385
x Calgary	408,534	212,740	216,534
x Edmonton	108,266	180,723	151,894
Lethbridge	280,339	18,890	46,195
Medicine Hat	16,379	11,165	17,435
British Columbia	3,550	1,962	1,010
Kamloops	269,780	215,687	277,128
Nanaimo	2,779	2,425	6,712
x New Westminster	2,550	2,800	31,906
Prince Rupert	32,925	5,595	4,775
x Vancouver	1,605	3,200	43,900
North Vancouver	198,755	168,390	143,380
x Victoria	3,665	415	590
	27,501	32,862	45,865
Total - 61 cities	6,272,052	4,009,675	2,269,157
Total - x 35 cities	5,867,573	3,848,637	1,978,524

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1935,
AND MAY, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1935, was lower by 23.7 p.c. than in April, 1935, but was higher by 58.9 p.c. than in May, 1934, a comparison of greater significance. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$4,799,285, as compared with \$6,292,152¹ in the preceding month, and \$3,019,761 in May, 1934.

So far this year, the value of building authorized in each month has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while in each of the last four months, the total has also exceeded that for the corresponding month of 1933. The cumulative total for the first five months of the present year is higher than in the period January - May of any of the last three years. The improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, but the movement in general building operations has also been much more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of the present year, at 81.7 p.c. of the 1926 average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$1,373,000 and for more than 2,300 other buildings estimated to cost nearly \$3,260,000. In addition, engineering projects, having an estimated cost of \$119,152, were authorized in four cities, viz., Brantford, Guelph, Moose Jaw and Calgary. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 350 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, valued at approximately \$2,500,000 and \$3,200,000, respectively, while there was also an engineering project estimated to cost approximately \$8,000.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with April, 1935, that of \$84,150 in Saskatchewan being the most pronounced. The remaining provinces showed declines in this comparison, that of \$1,366,111 or 38.8 p.c. in Ontario being greatest.

As compared with May, 1934, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia registered increases, of which those of \$806,451 or 191.5 p.c. in Quebec and \$785,583 or 57.5 p.c. in Ontario were most noteworthy. In New Brunswick, there was a decline of \$18,876 or 33.1 p.c., while no report for May was received from Prince Edward Island.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1934; Montreal registered a loss as compared with April, 1935, but an increase over May of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Quebec, Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Kingston, Kitchener, Oshawa, Ottawa, Fort Arthur, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria showed increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of 1934.

1/ Revised to include figures from Charlottetown, which arrived too late for inclusion in the April report.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in May	Value of permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average =100)
1935	\$4,799,285	\$19,486,105	32.5	81.7
1934	3,019,761	7,999,917	13.3	83.0
1933	2,065,372	6,726,695	11.2	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	78.8
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.6
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	95.5
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.4
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	95.8
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.1
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,639	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	107.9
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	134.4
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

The aggregate for the first five months of 1935 was very substantially greater than in the same period in 1934 or 1933, being also slightly higher than in the months January - May, 1932; the increase over last year was 243.6 p.c. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, as already mentioned, was lower than in 1934, and all other years since 1920, except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and April, 1935, and May, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	May, 1935	April, 1935	May, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 1/	\$	\$
Nova Scotia		20,100	32,700
x Halifax	114,425	58,015	105,930
New Glasgow	104,205	55,540	102,205
x Sydney	2,720	1,825	2,050
New Brunswick	7,500	650	1,675
Fredericton	38,105	37,483	56,981
x Moncton	- 1/	350	7,555
x Saint John	20,525	17,705	26,127
Quebec	17,580	19,328	23,299
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,687,934	1,805,716	881,483
x Quebec	567,387	1,680,591	505,091
Shawinigan Falls	1,053,097	59,690	36,806
x Sherbrooke	14,350	635	96,855
x Three Rivers	30,900	34,650	10,200
x Westmount	11,900	5,420	158,325
Ontario	10,300	24,730	74,206
Belleville	2,152,273	3,518,384	1,366,690
x Brantford	11,300	13,550	27,900
Chatham	30,962	12,610	8,296
x Fort William	13,625	7,450	2,700
Galt	8,200	15,500	19,650
x Guelph	10,805	5,695	7,394
x Hamilton	11,253	23,707	9,340
x Kingston	109,370	916,285	112,680
x Kitchener	47,683	23,319	14,598
x London	94,934	54,742	18,103
Niagara Falls	56,645	1,065,170	63,455
Oshawa	5,065	1,090	21,040
x Ottawa	6,250	3,040	3,600
Owen Sound	258,630	250,490	254,250
x Peterborough	5,425	5,875	3,000
x Port Arthur	14,776	12,030	33,415
x Stratford	42,164	28,042	11,975
x St. Catharines	1,793	8,791	6,400
x St. Thomas	16,923	22,845	17,090
Sarnia	2,795	2,210	2,105
Sault Ste. Marie	10,150	8,989	30,670
x Toronto	14,795	17,370	21,582
York & East York Townships	1,179,404	616,214	546,641
Welland	141,266	273,770	104,950
x Windsor	5,605	11,550	9,430
East Windsor	32,760	98,990	4,621
Riverside	510	2,500	475
Sandwich	200	1,300	Nil
Walkerville	- 1/	Nil	700
Woodstock	6,000	8,000	2,000
Manitoba	12,985	7,260	8,630
x Brandon	181,480	115,600	147,861
St. Boniface	8,450	52,850	10,306
x Winnipeg	3,630	3,700	4,205
Saskatchewan	169,400	59,050	133,350
x Moose Jaw	142,690	58,540	75,290
x Regina	87,850	20,555	2,820
x Saskatoon	18,440	18,235	32,925
Alberta	36,400	19,750	39,545
x Calgary	175,307	408,534	157,404
x Edmonton	72,246	108,266	45,260
Lethbridge	72,011	230,339	96,640
Medicine Hat	27,860	16,379	9,124
British Columbia	3,190	3,550	6,380
Kamloops	307,071	269,780	195,422
Nanaimo	6,909	2,779	8,472
x New Westminster	3,846	2,550	200
Prince Rupert	15,650	32,925	17,190
x Vancouver	3,466	1,605	1,375
North Vancouver	202,995	198,755	119,235
x Victoria	5,125	3,665	240
	69,080	27,501	48,710
Total - 61 Cities	4,799,265	6,292,152	3,019,761
xTotal - 35 Cities	4,484,208	5,867,573	2,616,534

1/Report not received. 2/Includes figures for Charlottetown, received too late for inclusion in April report.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1935,
AND JUNE, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June was \$5,117,066; this was an increase of \$291,881 or six p.c., as compared with the May total of \$4,825,185¹, and of \$2,705,606 or 112.2 p.c. in the more significant comparison with June, 1934, when the authorizations amounted to \$2,411,460.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first six months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years. Although the improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 81.5 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements for June, 1935, showing that they had issued more than 300 permits for dwellings valued at over \$1,241,000 and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$3,700,000, while engineering projects valued at an aggregate of \$23,000 were authorized in Brantford. During May, authority was given for the erection of almost 400 dwellings and some 2,300 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,373,000 and \$3,260,000, respectively; engineering projects estimated at \$119,152 were also authorized.

Improvement over May, 1935, was recorded in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, the gain of \$278,842 or 90.8 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest. Of the declines elsewhere reported, those of \$190,751 or 11.3 p.c. in Quebec and \$103,505 or 72.6 p.c. in Saskatchewan were most pronounced.

As compared with June, 1934, there were increases in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia; the gain of \$1,008,847 or 75.8 p.c. in Ontario and \$1,004,953 or 204.2 p.c. in Quebec were largest. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, there were decreases of \$36,655 and \$25,881, respectively, in this comparison.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1935, and also with June, 1934; Toronto showed a loss in the first, but a gain in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Brantford, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, London, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, York and East York Townships, East Windsor, Riverside, Regina, Calgary, Kamloops and New Westminster also reported improvement over May, 1935, and June, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

1/ Includes figures for Charlottetown and Fredericton, received too late for inclusion in the May report.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100)
1935	\$ 5,117,066	\$24,629,071	31.3	81.5
1934	2,411,460	10,411,377	13.2	82.8
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.1	78.9
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	30.9	76.8
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	74.8	83.5
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	108.4	95.0
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	158.2	99.2
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	129.6	95.9
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	102.6	96.0
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	100.0	101.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	83.7	103.1
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	77.0	110.8
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	92.7	111.4
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	90.5	108.0
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	70.7	132.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	78.4	144.5

The aggregate for the first six months of this year was decidedly higher than in any of the last three years, although it was lower than in earlier years of the record; the cost of building, as indicated by the index number of wholesale prices of building materials, was slightly lower than in the first half of 1934, and was also lower than in other years since 1920, except 1933 and 1932.

The half-yearly totals by provinces are given below for the years 1932-1935. The aggregates in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia were higher in the period January - June, 1935, than in the same six months in any other of the years here shown; they were, however, generally lower than in earlier years of the record. On the other hand, the totals for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were smaller than in any of the preceding three years.

PROVINCIAL TOTALS OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY 61 CITIES
IN FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1932 - 1935.

Province	1935	1934	1933	1932
Prince Edward Island	\$ 96,325	\$ 47,100	\$ 41,900	\$ 284,500
Nova Scotia	324,745	374,600	349,865	611,552
New Brunswick	140,817	210,740	175,288	377,176
Quebec	5,874,111	2,462,677	3,504,039	6,510,196
Ontario	12,591,610	5,094,136	3,749,568	10,028,674
Manitoba	2,354,965	348,986	434,586	1,652,427
Saskatchewan	312,980	209,840	393,904	1,664,997
Alberta	1,196,008	585,785	431,543	1,551,626
British Columbia	1,737,510	1,077,513	1,235,206	1,659,896
Canada	24,629,071	10,411,377	10,315,899	24,341,044

The following shows the January-June aggregates for the four leading cities:-

City	1935	1934	1933	1932
Montreal	\$ 4,421,415	\$ 1,607,905	\$ 3,164,191	\$ 5,824,407
Toronto	5,215,395	2,523,471	1,614,038	4,154,431
Winnipeg	2,262,450	298,100	386,550	1,543,750
Vancouver	1,331,880	700,094	932,697	1,261,805
Total	13,231,140	5,129,570	6,097,476	12,784,393

In Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the totals for the first six months of 1935 exceeded those for any of the years since 1931, while the Montreal aggregate was higher than in either 1934 or 1933, though lower than in 1932. Nearly 54 p.c. of the total value of the building permits issued by the 61 cities in the months January - June of the present year was reported by the four largest centres, as compared with just over 49 p.c. in 1934.

The table on the following page gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May and June, 1935, and June, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	June, 1935	May, 1935	June, 1934
P. E. I. - Charlottetown	\$ 41,575	\$ 24,500 1/	\$ 4,600
Nova Scotia	77,355	114,425	114,010
x Halifax	67,630	104,205	107,130
New Glasgow	2,325	2,720	1,280
x Sydney	7,400	7,500	5,600
New Brunswick	35,451	39,505 1/	61,332
Fredericton	400	1,400 1/	3,650
x Moncton	17,472	20,525	10,207
x Saint John	17,579	17,580	47,475
Quebec	1,497,183	1,687,934	492,230
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,407,754	567,387	360,695
x Quebec	34,789	1,053,097	18,635
Shawinigan Falls	3,140	14,350	6,100
x Sherbrooke	20,150	30,900	16,100
x Three Rivers	13,600	11,900	56,600
x Westmount	17,750	10,300	34,100
Ontario	2,338,877	2,152,273	1,330,030
Belleville	7,850	11,300	10,500
x Brantford	32,878	30,962	25,064
Chatham	6,900	13,625	100
x Fort William	43,400	8,200	14,900
Galt	262,105	10,805	8,072
x Guelph	157,624	11,253	32,452
x Hamilton	85,730	109,370	86,170
x Kingston	24,442	47,683	22,395
x Kitchener	23,754	94,934	43,050
x London	62,015	56,645	52,210
Niagara Falls	560	5,065	1,860
Oshawa	15,025	6,250	6,000
x Ottawa	203,315	258,630	116,615
Owen Sound	13,051	5,425	1,750
x Peterborough	62,645	14,776	11,045
x Port Arthur	20,245	42,164	23,790
x Stratford	5,231	1,793	3,463
x St. Catharines	25,490	16,923	8,580
x St. Thomas	7,475	2,795	5,100
Sarnia	15,379	10,150	16,270
Sault Ste. Marie	9,030	14,795	7,540
x Toronto	1,027,362	1,179,404	720,462
York & East York Townships	188,337	141,266	96,880
Welland	4,620	5,605	2,700
x Windsor	18,282	32,760	5,930
East Windsor	1,575	510	N11
Riverside	500	200	N11
Sandwich	200	-	400
Walkerville	3,000	6,000	N11
Woodstock	10,857	12,985	6,732
Manitoba	189,485	181,480	82,590
x Brandon	2,650	8,450	3,105
St. Boniface	4,985	3,630	14,635
x Winnipeg	181,850	169,400	64,850
Saskatchewan	39,185	142,690	20,935
x Moose Jaw	700	87,850	3,650
x Regina	31,120	18,440	13,915
x Saskatoon	7,365	36,400	3,370
Alberta	312,042	175,307	93,585
x Calgary	237,735	72,246	33,848
x Edmonton	66,140	72,011	53,995
Lethbridge	7,672	27,860	5,087
Medicine Hat	495	3,190	655
British Columbia	585,913	307,071	212,148
Kamloops	29,083	6,909	495
Nanaimo	3,180	3,846	1,900
x New Westminster	17,500	15,650	4,100
Prince Rupert	490	3,466	7,030
x Vancouver	507,720	202,995	167,190
North Vancouver	1,225	5,125	410
x Victoria	26,715	69,080	31,023
Total - 61 Cities	5,117,066	4,825,185 1/	2,411,460
Total - x35 Cities	4,483,507	4,484,208	2,205,814

1/Includes Charlottetown and Fredericton, received too late for inclusion in May report.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1935,
AND JULY, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 61 cities during July stood at \$4,266,224, a seasonal decline of \$850,842 or 16.6 p.c. as compared with the June, 1935, total of \$5,117,066, but an increase of \$1,008,754 or 31.0 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1934, aggregate of \$3,257,470.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first seven months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years. Although the improvement is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 81.8 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 300 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,090,000, and some 1,900 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$3,100,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$27,530 were undertaken by Brantford. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,241,000 and \$3,700,000, respectively, while an engineering project valued at \$23,000 was also listed.

An increase over June, 1935, was reported in British Columbia, where the authorizations were valued at \$1,504,823, or 156.8 p.c. more than in the preceding month. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of 54.0 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

In comparison with the same month in 1934, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia showed increases, that of \$1,367,008 in British Columbia being most pronounced. The value of the building authorized in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan was lower than in July of last year.

Three of the four largest cities - Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg - reported decreases as compared with June, 1935, but increases over July, 1934, while in Vancouver, there was an increase in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Quebec, Belleville, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, East Windsor, Riverside, Falkerville, Brandon, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria showed gains as compared with June, 1935, and also with July, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the January - July total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average =100).

Year	Value of permits issued in July	Value of permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first seven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months (1926 average =100)
1935	\$ 4,266,224	\$28,895,295	29.7	81.8
1934	3,257,470	13,668,847	14.0	82.8
1933	2,180,403	12,496,302	12.7	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was very substantially higher than in 1934 or 1933, and also slightly exceeded the 1932 total; the increase over the same months of last year was 111.4 p.c. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was rather lower than in 1934; while it was higher than in 1933 or 1932, it was lower than in any of the preceding twelve years.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during June and July, 1935, and July, 1934; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus, "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	July, 1935.	June, 1935.	July, 1934.
P. E. I.-Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	24,110	17,575	5,000
x Halifax	67,025	77,355	170,000
New Glasgow	49,550	67,510	68,000
x Sydney	675	2,005	1,000
New Brunswick	14,800	7,800	15,450
Fredericton	35,342	35,001	54,000
x Moncton	7,850	000	10,000
x Saint John	13,482	17,472	45,000
Quebec	14,050	17,575	33,000
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	648,670	1,437,000	580,000
x Quebec	547,015	1,407,754	450,000
Shawinigan Falls	87,740	34,799	43,000
x Sherbrooke	2,790	5,000	5,000
x Three Rivers	19,900	20,250	11,770
x Westmount	4,800	13,500	8,000
Ontario	26,425	17,000	10,000
Bellefleur	1,609,992	2,335,877	1,461,000
x Brantford	10,100	7,000	5,000
Chatham	32,574	32,878	40,000
x Fort William	6,400	6,500	3,000
Galt	33,900	43,400	35,000
x Guelph	7,057	26,105	1,000
x Hamilton	26,855	157,024	15,000
x Kingston	99,540	85,730	46,000
x Kitchener	34,641	24,000	7,000
x London	90,983	23,754	38,000
Niagara Falls	59,220	60,000	45,000
Oshawa	9,817	500	6,000
x Ottawa	5,850	15,025	13,000
Owen Sound	100,320	203,315	204,100
x Peterborough	760	13,050	Nil
x Port Arthur	15,059	32,045	15,000
x Stratford	16,355	20,245	14,000
x St. Catharines	7,937	5,250	8,000
x St. Thomas	26,825	25,490	24,000
Sarnia	60,050	7,000	3,000
Sault Ste. Marie	11,452	15,000	13,000
x Toronto	9,140	9,000	7,000
York & East York Townships	736,208	1,007,362	604,500
Welland	172,580	183,337	188,000
x Windsor	7,790	4,600	14,710
East Windsor	14,600	18,282	42,000
Riverside	2,825	1,575	500
Sandwich	1,350	500	Nil
Walkerville	Nil	000	Nil
Woodstock	4,000	3,000	3,000
Manitoba	5,804	10,857	10,730
x Brandon	157,550	189,485	95,000
St. Boniface	11,000	2,650	4,000
x Winnipeg	27,250	4,985	5,000
Saskatchewan	119,300	181,850	87,000
x Moose Jaw	25,165	39,185	22,000
x Regina	900	700	15,000
x Saskatoon	14,765	31,120	21,000
Alberta	9,500	7,000	6,000
x Calgary	155,567	312,042	72,000
x Edmonton	77,570	237,735	33,000
Lethbridge	63,175	66,100	35,000
Medicine Hat	11,750	7,672	8,450
British Columbia	3,072	495	95
Kamloops	1,504,823	535,913	1,57,810
Nanaimo	6,310	29,083	1,000
x New Westminster	4,795	3,180	Nil
Prince Rupert	26,650	17,500	1,000
x Vancouver	2,113	1,000	1,000
North Vancouver	1,377,410	507,720	101,000
x Victoria	3,100	1,225	1,000
	84,440	26,715	1,000
Total - 61 Cities	4,266,227	5,117,000	3,237,810
Total - 335 Cities	3,917,479	4,433,507	2,918,914

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1935,
AND AUGUST, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The value of the building permits issued during August, 1935, was practically the same as in the preceding month, while in the more significant comparison with August of last year, there was a considerable increase; during the month under review, the 61 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$4,293,058, as compared with \$4,266,224 in July, 1935, and \$3,764,425 in August, 1934. There was, therefore, an increase of 0.6 p.c. in the first comparison and of 14.0 p.c. in the second.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first **eight** months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$33,188,353, as compared with \$17,433,272 in the months January - August, 1934, \$14,407,111 in 1933 and \$32,576,464 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.0 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 240 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$1,800,000 and more than 1,900 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$2,400,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 300 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,090,000 and \$3,100,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported gains as compared with July, 1935, that of \$903,917 in Nova Scotia being most pronounced. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$1,118,126 or 74.3 p.c. in British Columbia was greatest.

Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year; the largest increase of \$873,252 was in Nova Scotia. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$633,687 or 65.7 p.c. in Quebec was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal and Winnipeg showed decreases as compared with July, 1935, and also with August, 1934, while in Toronto and Vancouver there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, Hamilton, Kitchener, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, Saskatoon and Prince Rupert recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during August and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eight months (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926 = 100)
1935	\$ 4,293,058	\$ 33,188,353	30.4	82.0
1934	3,764,425	17,433,272	16.0	82.8
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.0
1932	3,823,251	32,576,464	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	89.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was higher by 90.4 p.c. than in 1934, and was also higher than in 1933 or 1932. With these exceptions, the total was less than in any other year of the record; as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower in 1935 than in previous years of this record except 1933 and 1932.

Table 1 gives the value of building permits issued by 61 cities during July and August, 1935, and August, 1934. The cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 61 Cities.

Cities	August, 1935	July, 1935	August, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 4,800	\$ 24,110	\$ 7,060
Nova Scotia	968,942	65,025	95,690
x Halifax	963,107	49,550	89,645
New Glasgow	800	675	745
x Sydney	5,035	14,800	5,300
New Brunswick	24,835	35,322	477,780
Fredericton	1,050	7,850	6,420
x Moncton	5,870	13,422	451,410
x Saint John	17,915	14,050	19,950
Quebec	330,541	688,670	964,228
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	257,416	547,015	618,545
x Quebec	55,080	87,740	32,873
Shawinigan Falls	600	2,790	250
x Sherbrooke	5,500	19,900	18,885
x Three Rivers	700	4,800	46,675
x Westmount	11,245	26,425	247,000
Ontario	2,325,133	1,609,992	1,726,310
Belleville	86,200	10,100	6,525
x Brantford	31,621	32,574	43,711
Chatham	8,806	6,400	3,150
x Fort William	12,125	33,900	458,950
Galt	41,740	7,057	25,985
x Guelph	12,325	26,855	10,115
x Hamilton	142,470	99,540	95,070
x Kingston	11,206	34,641	24,079
x Kitchener	106,083	90,983	29,492
x London	30,410	59,220	73,800
Niagara Falls	705	9,817	28,290
Oshawa	71,980	5,850	3,150
x Ottawa	752,715	100,320	133,765
Owen Sound	4,621	760	2,000
x Peterborough	38,357	15,059	23,979
x Port Arthur	10,645	16,355	7,400
x Stratford	4,680	7,937	4,199
x St. Catharines	54,585	26,825	9,438
x St. Thomas	50	60,050	1,430
Sarnia	9,254	11,452	14,070
Sault Ste. Marie	26,505	9,140	14,735
x Toronto	702,478	736,208	588,377
York & East York Townships	133,090	172,580	104,802
Welland	4,470	7,790	3,460
x Windsor	10,835	14,600	9,930
East Windsor	515	2,825	125
Riverside	1,925	1,350	600
Sandwich	100	Nil	400
Walkerville	2,000	4,000	2,000
Woodstock	12,637	5,804	3,283
Manitoba	102,985	157,550	107,000
x Brandon	27,385	11,000	4,500
St. Boniface	1,300	27,250	10,350
x Winnipeg	74,300	119,300	92,150
Saskatchewan	27,535	25,165	51,805
x Moose Jaw	4,660	900	21,250
x Regina	6,555	14,765	25,170
x Saskatoon	16,320	9,500	5,385
Alberta	121,590	155,567	122,451
x Calgary	58,237	77,570	48,276
x Edmonton	53,310	63,175	70,470
Lethbridge	10,043	11,750	2,090
Medicine Hat	Nil	3,072	1,615
British Columbia	386,697	1,504,823	212,101
x Kamloops	1,685	6,310	4,450
x Nanaimo	900	4,795	5,730
x New Westminster	10,950	26,650	8,050
x Prince Rupert	22,015	2,118	950
x Vancouver	308,585	1,377,410	148,350
North Vancouver	1,315	3,100	3,290
x Victoria	41,247	84,440	41,281
Total - 61 Cities	4,293,058	4,266,224	3,764,425
Total - x35 Cities	3,844,002	3,917,479	3,508,900

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST,
1935, AND SEPTEMBER, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS,
1920-1935.

The value of the building authorized in 58^{1/} cities during September stood at \$3,322,026; this was a seasonal decrease of \$971,032 or 22.6 p.c. from the total of \$4,293,058 in August, 1935, but an increase of \$1,040,152 or 45.6 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted represented building valued at \$2,281,874.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first nine months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$36,510,379, as compared with \$19,715,146 in the months January-September, 1934, \$16,394,014 in 1933 and \$35,026,199 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.1 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 235 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000, and nearly 1,600 permits for other buildings valued at about \$1,700,000. In addition two cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$23,018. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 240 dwellings and 1,900 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,800,000 and \$2,400,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1935, that of \$463,449 in Saskatchewan being most pronounced; this increase was largely due to the granting of a permit for a public building at Regina.

As compared with September, 1934, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The greatest gains of \$450,515 and \$442,267 were reported in Ontario and Saskatchewan, respectively.

Of the larger cities, Toronto and Vancouver registered smaller totals of authorized building than in August, but the value in each case was higher than in September, 1934. Montreal reported a gain in the former, but a loss in the latter comparison, while Winnipeg showed an increase in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Fredericton, Moncton, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Windsor, St. Boniface, Regina, Kamloops, Nanaimo and North Vancouver recorded increases as compared both with August, 1935, and September, 1934.

The recent amalgamation of East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville with Windsor reduces the number of reporting cities from 61 to 58, without affecting the areas and population covered in these building permits statistics.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58^{1/} cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
	\$	\$		
1935	3,322,026	36,510,379	30.4	82.1
1934	2,281,874	19,715,146	16.5	82.8
1933	1,986,903	16,394,014	13.6	77.5
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was higher by 85.2 p.c. than in 1934; it was also substantially higher than in 1933 and somewhat higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was less than in any other year of the record; as already stated, the average index number of wholesale prices of building materials has been lower in 1935 than in previous years of this record, except 1932 and 1933.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58^{1/} cities during August and September, 1935, and September, 1934. The 35 cities for which data are available since 1910 are marked thus "x". The monthly totals for these centres are being revised to include East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville from 1920, when their co-operation was first secured; however, no revision is possible for the years 1910-1919.

^{1/} See footnote on first page.

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	September, 1935	August, 1935	September, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 23,150	\$ 4,800	\$ 12,525
Nova Scotia	62,280	968,942	62,528
x Halifax	52,147	963,107	46,864
New Glasgow	4,800	800	1,322
x Sydney	5,333	5,035	14,342
New Brunswick	28,909	24,835	16,179
Fredericton	5,475	1,050	Nil
x Moncton	7,589	5,870	1,082
x Saint John	15,845	17,915	15,097
Quebec	583,517	330,541	629,190
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	359,618	257,416	543,508
x Quebec	168,454	55,080	45,518
Shawinigan Falls	520	600	1,100
x Sherbrooke	16,300	5,500	9,600
x Three Rivers	2,225	700	13,700
x Westmount	36,400	11,245	15,764
Ontario	1,616,273	2,325,133	1,165,758
Belleville	900	86,200	5,700
x Brantford	17,948	31,621	20,355
Chatham	4,400	8,806	2,900
x Fort William	15,700	12,125	16,600
Galt	44,225	41,740	1,724
x Guelph	11,136	12,325	13,861
x Hamilton	142,974	142,470	80,635
x Kingston	18,648	11,206	12,085
x Kitchener	16,085	106,083	13,005
x London	51,965	30,410	48,700
Niagara Falls	43,375	705	1,316
Oshawa	16,780	71,980	5,200
x Ottawa	63,300	752,715	45,160
Owen Sound	7,000	4,621	6,475
x Peterborough	13,374	38,357	6,536
x Port Arthur	25,335	10,645	8,415
x Stratford	5,295	4,680	6,272
x St. Catharines	31,278	54,585	29,905
x St. Thomas	14,300	50	1,605
Sarnia	8,460	9,254	25,400
Sault Ste. Marie	10,490	26,505	165,375
x Toronto	630,271	702,478	541,612
York & East York Townships	126,366	133,090	52,410
Welland	3,862	4,470	32,180
x Windsor 1/	285,795	13,450	12,590
Riverside	1,100	1,925	Nil
Woodstock	5,911	12,637	9,742
Manitoba	116,930	102,985	66,365
x Brandon	2,100	27,385	1,600
St. Boniface	30,180	1,300	2,215
x Winnipeg	84,650	74,300	62,550
Saskatchewan	490,984	27,535	48,717
x Moose Jaw	5,150	4,660	5,500
x Regina	479,094	6,555	38,822
x Saskatoon	6,740	16,320	4,395
Alberta	106,034	121,590	93,150
x Calgary	54,519	58,237	29,235
x Edmonton	42,210	53,310	50,660
Lethbridge	9,015	10,043	9,790
Medicine Hat	290	Nil	3,465
British Columbia	293,949	386,697	187,462
Kamloops	5,175	1,685	1,700
Nanaimo	3,479	900	1,380
x New Westminster	9,300	10,950	7,500
Prince Rupert	1,005	22,015	1,730
x Vancouver	246,495	308,585	134,445
North Vancouver	1,385	1,315	620
x Victoria	27,110	41,247	40,087
Total - 58 Cities 1/	3,322,026	4,293,058	2,281,874
Total - 35 Cities 1/	2,953,547	3,846,617	1,937,605

1/ Includes East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville, formerly shown separately, amalgamated with Windsor as from July 1, 1935.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1935, AND OCTOBER, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October was \$4,020,308; this was an increase of \$698,282 or 21.0 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$3,322,026, and of \$1,422,284 or 54.7 p.c., as compared with the aggregate of \$2,598,024 for October, 1934.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first ten months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$40,530,687, as compared with \$22,313,170 in the months January-October, 1934, \$18,169,066 in 1933 and \$38,196,769 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.1 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 61 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,200,000 and about 1,500 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$2,500,000. In addition, 2 cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$33,244. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 235 dwellings and 1,600 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$1,000,000 and \$1,700,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1935, that of \$673,237 or 115.4 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The largest decrease in this comparison was in Saskatchewan, where the value of the building represented by the permits taken out declined from \$490,984 in September, to \$17,855 in October.

In comparison with October, 1934, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. Quebec reported the most pronounced increase, amounting to \$632,374 or 101.3 p.c.

Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed increases as compared with September, 1935, and their totals were also higher than in October, 1934; in Winnipeg, there was an improvement over September, 1935, but a decline as compared with October, 1934. Of the other centres, Halifax, Quebec City, Shawinigan Falls, Belleville, Brantford, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Ottawa, Peterborough, York and East York Townships, Welland, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, Lethbridge, Kamloops and New Westminster reported increases over both September, 1935, and October, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1935.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first ten months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months, (average 1926=100)
1935	\$ 4,020,308	\$40,530,667	30.0	82.1
1934	2,598,024	22,313,170	16.5	82.8
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,373	204,034,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,035	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,137	113,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months of 1935 was higher by 81.6 p.c. than in 1934, being also substantially higher than in 1933 and somewhat higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was less than in any other year of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was also lower in 1935 than in any year from 1920 to 1931.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 58 cities during September and October, 1935, and October, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s	October, 1935	September, 1935	October, 1934
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	14,600	23,150	7,325
Nova Scotia	84,910	62,280	81,145
x Halifax	84,150	52,147	79,220
New Glasgow	760	4,800	175
x Sydney	Nil	5,333	1,750
New Brunswick	15,563	28,909	16,260
Fredericton	2,150	5,475	1,500
x Moncton	1,508	7,589	3,075
x Saint John	11,905	15,845	11,685
Quebec	1,256,754	583,517	624,380
x Montreal - xMaisonneuve	675,042	359,618	369,927
x Quebec	530,070	168,454	54,390
Shawinigan Falls	26,882	520	350
x Sherbrooke	15,000	16,300	6,200
x Three Rivers	2,450	2,225	138,550
x Westmount	7,310	36,400	54,963
Ontario	2,118,719	1,616,273	1,370,900
Belleville	11,997	900	8,750
x Brantford	35,369	17,948	15,537
Chatham	4,900	4,400	6,950
x Fort William	10,575	15,700	7,680
Galt	3,319	44,225	10,271
x Guelph	13,678	11,136	3,581
x Hamilton	50,631	142,974	79,455
x Kingston	37,000	18,648	10,948
x Kitchener	61,475	16,085	20,681
x London	89,255	51,965	34,465
Niagara Falls	6,275	43,375	2,250
Oshawa	2,325	16,780	5,395
x Ottawa	590,480	63,300	184,050
Owen Sound	1,270	7,000	560
x Peterborough	23,777	13,374	18,396
x Port Arthur	11,478	25,335	13,080
x Stratford	9,750	5,295	12,180
x St. Catharines	8,068	31,278	20,820
x St. Thomas	3,885	14,300	871
Sarnia	7,000	8,460	4,549
Sault Ste. Marie	8,670	10,490	7,885
x Toronto	783,493	630,271	754,279
York & East York Townships	154,790	126,366	79,886
Welland	22,257	3,862	4,845
x Windsor 1/	155,617	285,795	55,450
Riverside	2,900	1,100	Nil
Woodstock	8,480	5,911	4,086
Manitoba	114,545	116,930	146,510
x Brandon	1,100	2,100	7,150
St. Boniface	17,995	30,180	7,360
x Winnipeg	95,450	84,650	132,000
Saskatchewan	17,855	490,984	50,780
x Moose Jaw	4,975	5,150	4,230
x Regina	6,695	1479,094	44,815
x Saskatoon	6,185	6,740	1,735
Alberta	84,450	106,034	113,834
x Calgary	17,969	54,519	43,896
x Edmonton	50,170	42,210	58,023
Lethbridge	15,746	9,015	9,030
Medicine Hat	565	290	2,885
British Columbia	312,912	293,949	186,890
Kamloops	5,430	5,175	1,195
Nanaimo	2,625	3,479	1,285
x New Westminster	24,445	9,300	8,250
Prince Rupert	2,800	1,005	5,060
x Vancouver	247,555	246,495	133,610
North Vancouver	950	1,385	4,685
x Victoria	29,107	27,110	32,805
Total - 58 Cities 1/	4,020,308	3,322,026	2,598,024
xTotal - 35 Cities 1/	3,695,622	2,953,547	2,417,747

1/ Includes East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville, formerly shown separately, amalgamated with Windsor as from July 1, 1935.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1935,
AND NOVEMBER, 1934, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 58 cities during November was \$3,315,001. This was a seasonal decline of \$705,307 or 17.5 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$4,020,308, but an increase of \$692,467, or 26.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the November, 1934, figure of \$2,622,534.

The value of the building authorized in each month of the present year has been higher than in the same month of 1934, while since January, the aggregate for each month has also exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The cumulative total for the first eleven months of 1935 is higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$43,846,688, as compared with \$24,935,704 in the months January-November, 1934, \$19,793,204 in 1933 and \$40,750,142 in 1932. Although the improvement indicated in the present year is partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations has also been distinctly more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during the elapsed months of 1935, at 82.1 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in the same period of any preceding year for which building statistics for the 58 cities are on record, with the exception of 1932 and 1933, while it was the same as in 1931.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 260 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$1,434,000, and about 1,060 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,640,000. In addition, authority was granted for engineering projects valued at \$13,500. During October, permits were issued for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,200,000 and \$2,500,000, respectively, while engineering projects valued at \$33,244 were also authorized.

New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan reported increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with October, 1935, that of \$187,588, or 8.9 p.c. in Ontario being greatest. Of the reductions indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$738,124, or 58.7 p.c. in Quebec was the largest.

As compared with November, 1934, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia reported increases, of which the greatest was that of \$598,340 or 35.0 p.c. in Ontario. The declines in the other provinces were comparatively small.

Of the four largest centres, Toronto recorded an increase in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also with November of last year, while in Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the aggregate value was higher than in November, 1934, but lower than in October of this year. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Moncton, Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, St. Catharines, York and East York Townships, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert reported greater building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1935.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100)
1935	\$ 3,315,001	\$43,846,688	30.3	82.1
1934	2,622,534	24,935,704	17.2	82.7
1933	1,624,138	19,793,204	13.7	78.1
1932	2,553,373	40,750,142	28.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	104,327,739	72.0	82.1
1930	11,821,292	150,939,044	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	220,255,867	152.0	99.1
1928	15,830,836	203,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	172,858,176	119.3	96.2
1926	9,975,451	144,877,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	117,665,590	81.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	120,119,829	82.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	126,547,365	87.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	138,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	111,257,084	76.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	112,175,268	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was higher by 75.8 p.c. than in 1934; it was also considerably higher than in 1933, and rather higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was lower than in any other year of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials was fractionally lower in the months January to November of 1935 than in the same period of 1934, and was also lower than in any year from 1920 to 1930, while the average for 1931 was the same.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in October and November, 1935, and November, 1934. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s	November, 1935.	October, 1935.	November, 1934.
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 3,650	\$ 14,600	\$ 5,450
Nova Scotia	80,885	84,910	66,300
x Halifax	71,235	84,150	64,425
New Glasgow	1,900	760	450
x Sydney	7,750	Nil	1,425
New Brunswick	20,220	15,563	21,125
Fredericton	450	2,150	5,300
x Moncton	10,000	1,508	2,130
x Saint John	9,770	11,905	13,695
Quebec	518,630	1,256,754	491,876
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	428,115	675,042	337,786
x Quebec	60,245	530,070	25,960
Shawinigan Falls	200	26,882	1,000
x Sherbrooke	16,000	15,000	19,100
x Three Rivers	1,400	2,450	2,950
x Westmount	12,670	7,310	105,080
Ontario	2,306,307	2,118,719	1,707,967
Belleville	125	11,997	5,625
x Brantford	15,736	35,369	26,140
Chatham	2,175	4,900	3,150
x Fort William	4,300	10,575	7,850
Galt	2,207	3,319	22,810
x Guelph	15,846	13,678	9,060
x Hamilton	142,305	50,631	33,625
x Kingston	15,250	37,000	13,768
x Kitchener	77,589	61,475	12,737
x London	252,780	89,255	134,925
Niagara Falls	280	6,275	1,930
Oshawa	2,100	2,325	1,825
x Ottawa	358,000	590,480	79,580
Owen Sound	4,300	1,270	3,300
x Peterborough	9,680	23,777	3,434
x Port Arthur	4,889	11,478	2,275
x Stratford	850	9,755	5,330
x St. Catharines	40,744	8,068	13,625
x St. Thomas	1,005	3,885	2,485
Sarnia	5,458	7,000	3,915
Sault Ste. Marie	5,975	8,670	21,230
x Toronto	1,097,798	783,493	1,052,047
York & East York Townships	219,940	154,790	63,927
Welland	3,350	22,257	325
x Windsor	17,665	155,617	175,080
Riverside	350	2,900	2,500
Woodstock	5,610	8,480	5,469
Manitoba	56,250	114,545	24,450
x Brandon	1,600	1,100	2,200
St. Bonifade	50	17,995	1,500
x Winnipeg	54,600	95,450	20,750
Saskatchewan	30,165	17,855	69,689
x Moose Jaw	225	4,975	950
x Regina	23,390	6,695	67,139
x Saskatoon	6,550	6,185	1,600
Alberta	30,850	84,450	62,424
x Calgary	16,148	17,969	37,526
x Edmonton	6,180	50,170	21,560
Lethbridge	4,587	15,746	1,248
Medicine Hat	3,935	565	2,090
British Columbia	268,044	312,912	173,253
Kamloops	2,951	5,430	3,972
Nanaimo	2,931	2,625	948
x New Westminster	16,425	24,445	11,490
Prince Rupert	3,305	2,800	1,925
x Vancouver	216,955	247,555	115,240
North Vancouver	370	950	475
x Victoria	25,107	29,107	39,203
Total - 58 Cities	3,315,001	4,020,308	2,622,534
xTotal- 35 Cities	3,038,802	3,695,622	2,320,270

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR
NOVEMBER, 1935, AND DECEMBER, 1934, AND TOTALS FOR THE YEARS, 1920-1935.

The building permits issued by 58 cities in December, 1935, represented construction work valued at \$2,390,014, as compared with \$3,315,001 in November, 1935, and \$2,521,820 in December, 1934. There was, therefore, a decrease of \$924,987 or 27.9 p.c. in December as compared with the preceding month, and of \$131,806 or 5.2 p.c. as compared with the same month of 1934.

In 1935, the value of the building authorized in each month but December was greater than in the same month of 1934, while from January, the aggregate for each month exceeded that for the corresponding month in 1933. The total for 1935 was higher than in any of the last three years, standing at \$46,236,702, as compared with \$27,457,524 in 1934, \$21,776,496 in 1933 and \$42,319,397 in 1932; the 1935 figures are unrevised, while those for previous years are revised. Although the improvement indicated last year was partly due to the granting of construction permits for public buildings in several centres as an unemployment relief measure, the movement in general building operations was also more favourable than in the last few years. In comparison with earlier years of the record, from 1920 to 1931, however, the value of building authorizations continues low. The index number of wholesale prices of building materials during 1935, at 82.2 p.c. of the 1926 basic average, was lower than in any preceding year for which building statistics for the 58 cities are on record, with the exception of 1931, 1932 and 1933.

A review of building permits granted in 1935 will be issued next month.

Detailed statements were received from some 50 cities, showing that they had issued some 160 permits for dwellings valued at almost \$400,000 and over 300 permits for other buildings at an estimated cost of more than \$800,000. There were also four permits taken out for engineering work at a cost of \$47,770. During November, the construction of some 260 dwellings and 1,060 other buildings was authorized; these were estimated to cost approximately \$1,434,000 and \$1,640,000, respectively.

As compared with the preceding month, Quebec reported an increase of \$409,600 or 79 p.c. in the value of the authorized building. Declines were indicated in the remaining provinces, that of \$1,165,953 or 50.6 p.c. in Ontario being most pronounced.

Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases as compared with December, 1934, in the value of the building authorized. In this comparison, Quebec reported the greatest gain of \$673,951, or 265 p.c. Of the reduction in the remaining provinces, that of \$684,752 or 37.5 p.c. in Ontario was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Montreal registered increases, both as compared with November, 1935, and December, 1934. Winnipeg and Vancouver reported declines as compared with the preceding month, but an increase over the same month in 1934, while Toronto showed reductions in the value of the building permits issued in each comparison. Of the smaller centres, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Stratford, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Woodstock, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kamloops, Nanaimo and New Westminster recorded advances as compared with November, 1935, and also with December, 1934.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR 1935.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during the Decembers of the years since 1920, and also for the completed years; the 1935 figures are unrevised, while for preceding years the statistics are revised. (A revised statement for 1935 will be issued next month). Index numbers, based upon the total value of the building authorized by these cities during 1926 as 100, are given below, as are the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the years 1920-35.

Year	Value of permits issued in December	Value of permits issued in twelve months	Indexes of value of permits issued in twelve months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials, twelve months (1926=100)
1935	\$ 2,390,014	\$ 46,236,702	29.6	82.2
1934	2,521,820	27,457,524	17.6	82.6
1933	1,983,292	21,776,496	13.9	78.3
1932	1,569,255	42,319,397	27.1	77.2
1931	7,895,106	112,222,845	71.8	81.9
1930	15,440,281	166,379,325	106.4	90.9
1929	14,688,682	234,944,549	150.2	99.0
1928	16,095,160	219,105,715	140.1	97.1
1927	11,755,566	184,613,742	118.0	96.1
1926	11,508,818	156,386,607	100.0	100.0
1925	7,363,777	125,029,367	79.9	102.9
1924	6,463,319	126,583,148	80.9	106.6
1923	6,974,256	133,521,621	85.4	111.8
1922	9,517,402	148,215,407	94.8	108.7
1921	5,537,330	116,794,414	74.7	122.7
1920	4,844,354	117,019,622	74.8	144.0

The unrevised statistics for 1935 indicate that last year's aggregate was 68.4 p.c. higher than in 1934; it was also considerably higher than in 1933 and rather higher than in 1932. With these exceptions, the total was lower than in any other year since 1920. In this connection, it should be noted that the Bureau's index number of wholesale prices of building materials was practically the same as in 1934; while it was slightly higher than in 1931, 1932 or 1933, it was lower than in any year from 1920 to 1930.

The accompanying table gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in November and December, 1935, and December, 1934. The 35 centres for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities

December, 1935

November, 1935

December, 1934

	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	1/	3,650	2,850
Nova Scotia	31,660	80,885	42,211
x Halifax	31,610	71,235	40,811
New Glasgow	Nil	1,900	1,400
x Sydney	50	7,750	Nil
New Brunswick	Nil	20,220	20,945
Fredericton	Nil	450	Nil
x Moncton	1/	10,000	2,535
x Saint John	1/	9,770	18,410
Quebec	928,230	518,630	254,279
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	739,815	428,115	169,735
x Quebec	27,180	60,245	5,369
Shawinigan Falls	600	200	55,250
x Sherbrooke	135,100	16,000	7,500
x Three Rivers	2,735	1,400	675
x Westmount	22,800	12,670	15,750
Ontario	1,140,354	2,306,307	1,825,106
Belleville	800	125	Nil
x Brantford	17,460	15,736	43,950
Chatham	21,500	2,175	8,400
x Fort William	450	4,300	6,170
Galt	975	2,207	60
x Guelph	833	15,846	4,355
x Hamilton	47,797	142,305	90,165
x Kingston	295	15,250	3,200
x Kitchener	32,090	77,589	4,140
x London	12,655	252,780	84,360
Niagara Falls	1,135	280	8,678
Oshawa	400	2,100	2,000
x Ottawa	24,750	358,000	14,155
Owen Sound	1,150	4,300	800
x Peterborough	2,635	9,680	4,208
x Port Arthur	1,050	4,889	7,190
x Stratford	4,725	850	545
x St. Catharines	5,425	40,744	6,145
x St. Thomas	36,130	1,005	15,950
Sarnia	2,550	5,458	7,375
Sault Ste. Marie	17,250	5,975	935
x Toronto	739,812	1,097,798	1,392,627
York & East York Townships	139,333	219,940	88,805
Welland	60	3,350	1,850
x Windsor	9,405	17,665	22,200
Riverside	Nil	350	Nil
Woodstock	19,689	5,610	6,843
Manitoba	41,850	56,250	42,850
x Brandon	Nil	1,600	2,000
St. Boniface	9,200	50	26,500
x Winnipeg	32,650	54,600	14,350
Saskatchewan	9,025	30,165	8,525
x Moose Jaw	Nil	225	350
x Regina	1,050	23,390	7,775
x Saskatoon	7,975	6,550	400
Alberta	26,275	30,850	206,498
x Calgary	13,920	16,148	190,806
x Edmonton	10,825	6,180	8,085
Lethbridge	1,430	4,587	5,607
Medicine Hat	100	3,935	2,000
British Columbia	212,620	268,044	118,556
Kamloops	3,130	2,951	120
Nanaimo	6,075	2,931	4,297
x New Westminster	20,465	16,425	2,100
Prince Rupert	351	3,305	Nil
x Vancouver	163,785	216,955	85,085
North Vancouver	Nil	370	145
x Victoria	18,814	25,107	26,809
otal - 58 Cities	2,390,014	3,315,001	2,521,820
otal - x35 Cities	2,124,286	3,038,802	2,279,105

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1935, AND JANUARY, 1935.

There was a seasonal decline in the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during January as compared with the preceding month, but the total was considerably higher than in January, 1935; the co-operating municipalities reported permits for buildings estimated to cost \$1,283,716, compared with \$2,401,856 in December, 1935, and \$882,878 in January of last year. There was, therefore, a reduction of 46.6 p.c. in the first comparison, but an increase of 45.4 p.c. in the second and more significant comparison.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statements, showing that they had granted some 95 permits for dwellings valued at over \$376,000, and about 380 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$556,000; a permit was also taken out for an engineering project estimated to cost about \$1,600. In December, authority was granted for the erection of some 160 dwellings and 300 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$400,000 and \$800,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the building authorized during January as compared with December, 1935, the gain of \$208,876 or 95.4 p.c. in British Columbia being greatest. Of the declines elsewhere recorded, the most marked were those of \$644,284 or 69.4 p.c. in Quebec, and \$683,395 or 59.9 p.c. in Ontario.

As compared with January, 1935, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia showed increases; that of \$307,607 in British Columbia being largest. In the remaining provinces, the value of projected building as represented by the building permits taken out showed declines, of which that of \$101,741 or 18.2 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

In Vancouver, there was an increase in the value of the building permits granted over the preceding month, and also as compared with the same month of last year; in Montreal, there was a decline in the former, but an increase in the latter comparison, while Toronto and Winnipeg showed decreases in both comparisons. The following cities reported increases as compared with December and also as compared with January of last year - Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton, Galt, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Oshawa, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Windsor, Brandon, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria.

RECORD FOR JANUARY IN THE YEARS 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during January of each year since 1920. Index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January of the same years are also given, (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in January	Indexes of value of permits issued in January (1926=100)	Indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in January (1926 average = 100)
1936	\$ 1,283,716	27.2	82.2 ^{1/}
1935	882,878	18.7	81.8
1934	707,812	15.0	82.1
1933	1,185,961	25.1	75.7
1932	2,761,929	58.5	79.4
1931	8,401,456	178.0	84.0
1930	7,217,397	152.9	97.4
1929	8,416,880	178.3	98.0
1928	7,716,587	163.5	95.2
1927	5,676,537	120.3	96.8
1926	4,719,534	100.0	102.3
1925	5,447,270	115.4	101.9
1924	4,460,579	94.5	112.4
1923	4,139,498	87.7	109.8
1922	3,326,537	70.5	109.4
1921	2,595,564	55.0	143.0
1920	4,017,024	85.1	134.5

The 1936 figure was higher by 45.4 p.c. than in January, 1935, and was also higher than in 1934 and 1933, but with these exceptions was lower than in any other year since 1920. The wholesale costs of building materials in recent months have been practically the same as in 1935 and 1934; while they were higher than in 1933 and 1932, they were considerably lower than in any other period since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January, 1936, and December and January, 1935. The statistics for all but the present year are based on revised statements furnished by the civic officials after the close of the year. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are indicated thus "x".

^{1/} December figure.

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	January, 1936	December, 1935	January, 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 3,050	\$ 1,760	\$ Nil
Nova Scotia	52,640	31,660	14,075
x Halifax	50,640	31,610	12,075
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Sydney	2,000	50	2,000
New Brunswick	11,000	3,792	2,950
Fredericton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Moncton	11,000	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	1/	3,792	2,950
Quebec	283,946	928,230	114,055
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	266,021	739,815	86,135
x Quebec	1,525	27,180	22,800
Shawinigan Falls	Nil	600	270
x Sherbrooke	9,500	135,100	3,550
x Three Rivers	1,900	2,735	800
x Westmount	5,000	22,800	500
Ontario	456,994	1,140,389	558,735
Belleville	500	800	280
x Brantford	16,594	17,460	10,105
Chatham	3,285	21,500	Nil
x Fort William	Nil	450	500
Galt	1,771	975	695
x Guelph	485	833	4,900
x Hamilton	50,620	47,797	37,360
x Kingston	3,375	295	75
x Kitchener	7,600	32,090	1,520
x London	17,390	12,655	8,220
Niagara Falls	1,000	1,135	1,590
Oshawa	1,450	400	1,000
x Ottawa	22,000	24,750	6,670
Owen Sound	Nil	1,150	1,000
x Peterborough	2,500	2,635	300
x Port Arthur	2,040	1,050	Nil
x Stratford	1,400	4,725	325
x St. Catharines	272	5,425	773
x St. Thomas	140	36,130	500
Sarnia	4,225	2,550	1,100
Sault Ste. Marie	1,415	17,250	2,500
x Toronto	201,087	739,812	445,338
York & East York Townships	53,060	139,368	24,174
Welland	50	60	Nil
x Windsor	62,925	9,405	5,925
Riverside	Nil	Nil	Nil
Woodstock	1,810	19,689	3,885
Manitoba	34,166	41,850	40,150
x Brandon	3,766	Nil	Nil
St. Boniface	Nil	9,200	600
x Winnipeg	30,400	32,650	39,550
Saskatchewan	4,991	9,025	18,885
x Moose Jaw	4,175	Nil	7,000
x Regina	216	1,050	4,650
x Saskatoon	600	7,975	7,235
Alberta	9,178	26,275	13,884
x Calgary	6,848	13,920	5,364
x Edmonton	2,000	10,825	7,310
Lethbridge	330	1,430	1,210
Medicine Hat	Nil	100	Nil
British Columbia	427,751	218,875	120,144
Kamloops	1,380	3,130	340
Nanaimo	6,830	6,075	1,575
x New Westminster	17,100	20,465	5,050
Prince Rupert	2,100	351	480
x Vancouver	359,415	163,785	86,345
North Vancouver	575	Nil	50
x Victoria	40,351	25,069	26,304
Total - 58 Cities	1,283,716	2,401,856	882,878
Total - x35 Cities	1,200,885	2,174,333	842,129

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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS
FOR JANUARY, 1936, AND FEBRUARY, 1935.

The value of the building represented by the permits issued by 58 cities stood at \$1,911,884 in February, 1936; this was an increase of \$628,168 or 48.9 p.c. over the total of \$1,283,716 for the preceding month, but a decline of \$1,689,753 or 46.9 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$3,601,637 in February of last year, when authority had been granted for the erection of a large public building in one of the co-operating cities. The unusually severe weather of the present winter has retarded operations in building in many parts of the Dominion.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had granted over 100 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$310,000, and not quite 600 permits for other buildings, estimated to cost in excess of \$1,580,000. In January, authority was given for the erection of some 95 dwellings and 380 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$376,000 and \$556,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with January, 1936; the greatest gain, of \$756,311 or 176.8 p.c., took place in British Columbia. The remaining provinces showed declines in this comparison, that of \$80,656 or 28.4 p.c. in Quebec being largest.

As compared with February, 1935, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia recorded increases; the gain in the latter was considerable, amounting to \$932,638 or 370.9 p.c. Of the decreases in the other provinces, that of \$1,957,703 or 81.7 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

Of the four largest cities, only Vancouver reported an increase in the value of the building authorized as compared with either January, 1936, or February, 1935. Toronto showed an improvement in the former, but a loss in the latter comparison, while in Montreal and Winnipeg the total was lower in each case.

Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Westmount, Belleville, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, Woodstock, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat and Victoria reported improvement over the preceding month and also as compared with the same month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during February, and in the first two months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in January and February of the same years are also given (1926 = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in February	Value of permits issued in first two months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first two months, (1926 = 100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first two months, (1926 = 100)
	\$	\$		
1936	1,911,834	3,195,600	26.9	83.6 1/
1935	3,601,637	4,484,515	37.8	81.8
1934	894,102	1,601,914	13.5	82.2
1933	925,894	2,111,856	17.8	75.2
1932	2,845,271	6,056,283	51.1	79.4
1931	6,395,659	14,797,115	124.8	83.8
1930	8,919,078	16,136,475	136.1	96.8
1929	10,465,330	18,882,210	159.2	99.6
1928	10,318,338	18,034,925	152.1	96.4
1927	7,638,176	13,314,713	112.3	97.1
1926	7,139,549	11,859,083	100.0	102.4
1925	5,902,118	11,349,388	95.7	103.2
1924	4,093,800	8,554,379	72.1	112.3
1923	5,679,671	9,819,169	82.8	110.1
1922	4,738,105	8,064,642	68.0	108.3
1921	3,683,359	6,278,923	52.9	140.5
1920	6,156,287	10,173,311	85.8	137.5

The aggregate for the first two months of 1936 was lower than in 1935, but was higher than in 1934 or 1933. The totals for January - February in these four years were lower than in any other year for which statistics for the 58 cities are available. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have also been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in January and February, 1936, and February, 1935. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

1/ January figure.

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	February 1936	January 1936	February 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	10,675	3,050	10,150
x Halifax	33,010	52,640	34,550
New Glasgow	33,010	50,640	30,000
x Sydney	Nil	Nil	3,050
New Brunswick	Nil	2,000	1,500
Fredericton	3,885	11,000	10,460
x Moncton	Nil	Nil	Nil
x Saint John	125	11,000	7,710
Quebec	3,760	-	2,750
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	203,290	283,946	521,373
x Quebec	159,355	266,021	487,638
Shawinigan Falls	8,460	1,525	17,460
x Sherbrooke	2,000	Nil	300
x Three Rivers	4,900	9,500	6,600
x Westmount	825	1,900	3,725
Ontario	27,750	5,000	5,650
Belleville	438,856	456,994	2,396,559
x Brantford	3,500	500	Nil
Chatham	1,275	16,594	8,624
x Fort William	350	3,285	20,375
Galt	Nil	Nil	300
x Guelph	2,800	1,771	1,300
x Hamilton	6,700	485	2,850
x Kingston	29,000	50,620	55,530
x Kitchener	10,350	3,375	Nil
x London	6,975	7,600	9,600
Niagara Falls	13,145	17,390	47,245
Oshawa	Nil	1,000	21,550
x Ottawa	4,950	1,450	Nil
Owen Sound	18,600	22,000	1,151,390
x Peterborough	4,500	Nil	Nil
x Port Arthur	4,675	2,500	375
x Stratford	1,911	2,040	375
x St. Catharines	2,125	1,400	Nil
x St. Thomas	Nil	272	1,050
Sarnia	Nil	140	100
Sault Ste. Marie	4,275	4,225	4,420
x Toronto	15,650	1,415	2,300
York & East York Townships	251,890	201,087	1,025,400
Welland	18,500	53,060	33,105
x Windsor	850	50	150
Riverside	29,860	62,925	10,300
Woodstock	Nil	Nil	200
Manitoba	6,975	1,810	20
x Brandon	19,700	34,166	305,700
St. Boniface	Nil	3,766	3,600
x Winnipeg	150	Nil	9,850
Saskatchewan	19,550	30,400	292,250
x Moose Jaw	6,275	4,991	8,475
x Regina	5,075	4,175	175
x Saskatoon	200	216	7,950
Alberta	1,000	600	350
x Calgary	12,131	9,178	62,946
x Edmonton	8,486	6,848	55,711
Lethbridge	2,425	2,000	5,975
Medicine Hat	220	330	1,225
British Columbia	1,000	Nil	35
Kamloops	1,184,062	427,751	251,424
Nanaimo	600	1,380	3,435
x New Westminster	950	6,830	2,100
Prince Rupert	17,850	17,100	25,535
x Vancouver	300	2,100	2,400
North Vancouver	1,108,160	359,415	167,675
x Victoria	Nil	575	2,650
Total - 58 Cities	56,202	40,351	47,629
Total - 58 Cities	1,911,884	1,283,716	3,601,637
x Total - 35 Cities	1,833,639	1,200,885	3,483,022

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MARCH, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1936, AND MARCH, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1920-1936.

According to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during March was \$ 2,361,271; this was an increase of \$ 449,387 or 23.5 p.c. over the February total of \$ 1,911,884. On the other hand, there was a decline of \$ 1,661,484 or 41.3 p.c. as compared with the aggregate of \$ 4,022,755 reported for March, 1935, when authority had been granted for the erection of a large public building in one of the co-operating cities. Construction work so far this year has been retarded by unusually severe weather in many sections of the country.

The value of the building authorized during the first quarter of the present year amounted to \$ 5,556,871; this was a decrease of \$ 2,950,399 or 34.7 p.c. as compared with the same period of 1935, although it was higher than in the months, January-March of 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the first quarter in each of the last five years has been considerably lower than in any other year of the record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for March, 1936, showing that they had granted some 265 permits for dwellings valued at more than \$ 1,166,000 and over 1,200 permits for other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$ 994,000. In addition, engineering projects, valued at approximately \$ 12,300, were authorized in two cities. During February, authority was given for the erection of about 100 dwellings and almost 600 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$ 310,000 and \$ 1,580,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in the value of the building authorized during March, 1936, as compared with the preceding month. The greatest gain was that of \$ 711,796 or 162.2 p.c. in Ontario. There was a large reduction in British Columbia, where the value of the construction permits taken out declined from \$ 1,184,062 in February, to \$ 496,750 in the month under review, or by 58 p.c.

As compared with March, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia recorded increases, that of \$ 274,808 or 123.8 p.c. in British Columbia being most marked. Of the reductions elsewhere recorded, that of \$ 1,477,400 in Manitoba was greatest.

Of the larger cities, Montreal showed increases as compared with February, 1936, and March, 1935; in Toronto and Winnipeg there were gains over the preceding month, but losses as compared with the same month of last year. On the other hand, Vancouver reported a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Belleville, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Port Arthur, Stratford, Sarnia, York and East York Townships, Welland, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported higher totals than in either February, 1936, or March, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during March and in the first quarter of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first quarter of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in March	Value of permits issued in first quarter	Indexes of value of permits issued in first quarter, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first quarter, (1926=100)
	\$	\$		
1936	2,361,271	5,556,871	24.7	84.0
1935	4,022,755	8,507,270	37.8	81.4
1934	1,109,085	2,710,999	12.1	82.2
1933	953,966	3,065,821	13.6	75.2
1932	3,396,729	9,453,012	42.0	79.3
1931	9,948,979	24,746,094	110.0	83.7
1930	13,356,787	29,493,262	131.1	96.7
1929	24,068,018	42,950,228	190.9	99.2
1928	15,128,413	33,163,338	147.4	95.5
1927	11,713,640	25,028,353	111.3	96.4
1926	10,634,491	22,493,574	100.0	102.0
1925	8,631,627	19,981,015	88.2	102.9
1924	9,493,620	18,047,999	80.2	112.2
1923	9,658,950	19,478,119	86.6	110.6
1922	10,615,531	18,680,173	83.0	108.0
1921	7,290,589	13,569,512	60.3	139.1
1920	8,736,675	18,909,986	84.1	139.4

As already stated, the value of the building authorized in the first quarter of 1936 was lower by 34.7 p.c. than in the same months of 1935, when permits had been issued for large public buildings in several centres; however, the aggregate value of the building authorized in the first three months of the present year was higher than in either 1934 or 1933. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in February and March, 1936, and March, 1935. The 35 cities for which statistics are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	March 1936	February 1936	March 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	1/ \$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	82,377	10,675	7,000
x Halifax	78,377	33,010	25,875
New Glasgow	Nil	33,010	24,575
x Sydney	4,000	Nil	Nil
New Brunswick	18,411	Nil	1,300
Fredericton	4,800	3,885	15,168
x Moncton	1,560	Nil	200
x Saint John	12,051	125	4,460
Quebec	468,308	3,760	10,508
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	387,310	203,290	247,850
x Quebec	44,980	159,355	191,910
Shawinigan Falls	200	8,460	25,090
x Sherbrooke	16,100	2,000	1,850
x Three Rivers	4,850	4,900	10,700
x Westmount	14,868	825	5,800
Ontario	1,150,652	27,750	12,500
Belleville	17,350	438,856	1,724,375
x Brantford	5,718	3,500	2,500
Chatham	750	1,275	28,261
x Fort William	9,750	350	12,650
Galt	3,145	Nil	7,500
x Guelph	4,090	2,800	8,566
x Hamilton	118,570	6,700	3,775
x Kingston	12,927	29,000	47,640
x Kitchener	7,685	10,350	1,370
x London	28,205	6,975	20,470
Niagara Falls	2,605	13,145	99,580
Oshawa	825	Nil	715
x Ottawa	200,590	4,950	550
Owen Sound	1,090	18,600	331,580
x Peterborough	15,858	4,500	5,025
x Port Arthur	11,620	4,675	2,580
x Stratford	2,720	1,911	3,393
x St. Catharines	4,301	2,125	845
x St. Thomas	725	Nil	4,683
Sarnia	10,040	Nil	1,000
Sault Ste. Marie	3,650	4,275	2,840
x Toronto	493,235	15,650	7,275
York & East York Townships	150,630	251,890	1,021,677
Welland	14,135	18,500	72,345
x Windsor	24,641	850	10,895
Riverside	400	29,860	16,525
Woodstock	5,397	Nil	1,050
Manitoba	45,150	6,975	9,085
x Brandon	250	19,700	1,522,550
St. Boniface	Nil	Nil	400
x Winnipeg	44,900	150	1,800
Saskatchewan	3,020	19,550	1,520,350
x Moose Jaw	1,065	6,275	45,255
x Regina	1,955	5,075	3,975
x Saskatoon	96,603	200	21,000
Alberta	49,541	1,000	20,280
x Calgary	26,575	12,131	212,740
x Edmonton	6,737	8,486	180,723
Lethbridge	13,750	2,425	18,890
Medicine Hat	496,750	220	11,165
British Columbia	8,515	1,000	1,962
Kamloops	21,810	1,184,062	221,942
Nanaimo	32,695	600	2,425
x New Westminster	660	950	2,800
Prince Rupert	355,905	17,850	5,595
x Vancouver	33,650	300	3,200
North Vancouver	43,515	1,108,160	168,390
x Victoria		Nil	415
Total - 58 Cities	2,361,271	56,202	39,117
x Total - 35 Cities	2,061,132	1,911,884	4,022,755
		1,833,639	3,856,442

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1936,
AND APRIL, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulated returns from 58 cities which granted permits for construction work valued at \$ 3,183,336 during April, as compared with \$ 2,361,771 in the preceding month, and \$ 6,300,046 in the same month of last year. There was, therefore, an increase of \$ 821,565 or 34.8 p.c. as compared with March, but the April, 1936, total was smaller by \$ 3,116,710, or 49.5 p.c., than in April, 1935, when permits had been taken out for the construction of public buildings in certain centres.

The estimated value of the construction authorized in the first four months of the present year was \$ 8,740,707; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$ 14,807,316 reported in the period January-April, 1935, although it was higher than in these months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the first four months of each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any earlier year of the record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931 than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for April, 1936, showing that they had issued more than 300 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$ 1,300,000, and for nearly 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$ 1,800,000. In March, authority was given for the erection of about 265 dwellings and 1,200 other buildings, valued at approximately \$ 1,166,000 and \$ 994,000, respectively, while engineering projects estimated to cost some \$ 12,300 were also reported.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded moderate increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued during April as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$ 558,062 taking place in Alberta. In New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia there were small declines in this comparison.

As compared with April, 1935, there were increases in Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia, that of \$ 246,131 or 60.2 p.c. in Alberta being most noteworthy. In this comparison, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba showed declines, of which that of \$ 2,197,109 or 62.3 p.c. in Ontario was greatest.

Of the four largest cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver registered increases in the building authorized during April as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with April, 1935. In Toronto, the value was higher than in March, 1936, but lower than in April, 1935, while in Montreal there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, Fort William, Galt, Niagara Falls, Oshawa, Owen Sound, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Woodstock, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops and Victoria reported increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with March, 1936, and also with April, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during April and in the first four months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first four months of the **same** years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in April	Value of permits issued in first four months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first four months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first four months, (1926 average=100)
	\$	\$		
1936	3,183,336	8,740,707	21.0	84.2
1935	6,300,046	14,807,316	35.6	81.5
1934	2,269,157	4,980,156	12.0	82.4
1933	1,595,502	4,661,323	11.2	75.1
1932	4,370,863	13,823,873	33.3	79.1
1931	13,495,165	38,241,259	92.1	83.7
1930	16,978,076	46,471,338	111.9	96.2
1929	29,656,709	72,606,937	174.8	99.4
1928	18,606,167	51,769,505	124.6	95.7
1927	17,312,470	42,340,823	101.9	96.3
1926	19,044,499	41,538,073	100.0	101.7
1925	15,482,383	35,463,398	85.4	103.1
1924	13,689,101	31,737,100	76.4	111.6
1923	19,530,851	39,008,970	93.9	110.8
1922	15,833,688	34,513,861	83.1	107.7
1921	13,500,360	27,069,872	65.2	136.9
1920	15,648,915	34,558,901	83.2	143.1

As already stated, the aggregate for the first four months of this year was lower than in the same period of 1935, although it was greater than in 1934 or 1933. The index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during April and March, 1936, and April, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	April 1936	March 1936	April 1935
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	11,675	---	13,100
Nova Scotia	108,865	82,377	58,015
x Halifax	102,215	78,377	55,540
New Glasgow	Nil	Nil	1,825
x Sydney	6,650	4,000	650
New Brunswick	13,765	18,411	37,483
Fredericton	3,350	4,800	350
x Moncton	10,415	1,560	17,705
x Saint John	1/	12,051	19,428
Quebec	444,786	468,308	1,805,716
x Montreal- x Maisonneuve	305,336	387,310	1,680,591
x Quebec	35,590	44,980	59,690
Shawinigan Falls	7,525	200	635
x Sherbrooke	23,175	16,100	34,650
x Three Rivers	32,350	4,850	5,420
x Westmount	40,810	14,868	24,730
Ontario	1,329,915	1,150,652	3,527,024
Belleville	5,350	17,350	13,550
x Brantford	6,138	5,718	11,110
Chatham	37,975	750	7,450
x Fort William	23,725	9,750	15,500
Galt	16,925	3,145	5,695
x Guelph	4,251	4,090	23,707
x Hamilton	106,896	118,570	926,275
x Kingston	12,883	12,927	23,319
x Kitchener	26,662	7,685	54,742
x London	59,285	28,205	1,065,170
Niagara Falls	9,485	2,605	990
Oshawa	16,345	825	3,040
x Ottawa	71,485	200,590	250,490
Owen Sound	6,113	1,090	5,125
x Peterborough	26,872	15,858	12,030
x Port Arthur	12,900	11,620	28,042
x Stratford	755	2,720	8,791
x St. Catharines	15,874	4,301	22,845
x St. Thomas	3,530	725	2,210
Sarnia	5,725	10,040	8,989
Sault Ste. Marie	27,735	3,650	17,370
x Toronto	530,942	493,235	616,214
York & East York Townships	239,700	150,630	274,770
Welland	8,080	14,135	11,550
x Windsor	39,835	24,641	109,490
Riverside	4,700	400	1,300
Woodstock	9,749	5,397	7,260
Manitoba	67,725	45,150	115,600
x Brandon	925	250	52,850
St. Boniface	1,200	Nil	3,700
x Winnipeg	65,600	44,900	59,050
Saskatchewan	55,976	3,520 2/	58,540
x Moose Jaw	1,200	500 2/	20,555
x Regina	40,816	1,065	18,235
x Saskatoon	13,960	1,955	19,750
Alberta	654,665	96,603	408,534
x Calgary	214,365	49,541	108,266
x Edmonton	408,225	26,575	280,339
Lethbridge	31,525	6,737	16,379
Medicine Hat	550	13,750	3,550
British Columbia	495,964	496,750	276,034
Kamloops	18,990	8,515	2,779
Nanaimo	6,142	21,810	2,550
x New Westminster	24,990	32,695	32,925
Prince Rupert	320	660	1,605
x Vancouver	396,040	355,905	198,755
North Vancouver	2,070	33,650	3,665
x Victoria	47,412	43,515	33,755
Total - 58 Cities	3,183,336	2,361,771 2/	6,300,046
x Total - 35 Cities	2,712,107	2,051,632 2/	5,892,819

1/ Report not received. 2/ Includes Moose Jaw.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1936,
AND MAY, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May, 1936, was higher by 30.2 p.c. than in April, 1936, but was lower by 12.0 p.c. than in May, 1935. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to \$ 4,160,988, as compared with \$ 3,196,471 in the preceding month, and \$ 4,728,340 in May of last year.

The value of the building authorized in the first five months of the present year was \$ 12,914,830; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$ 19,535,656 reported in the period January - May, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first five months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931 than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for May, 1936, showing that they had issued almost 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$ 1,600,000, and for more than 2,000 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$ 2,200,000, while an engineering project valued at some \$ 500 was also reported. In April, authority was given for the erection of about 300 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$ 1,300,000 and \$ 1,800,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of the building represented by the permits issued during May as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$ 809,652 or 60.9 p.c. taking place in Ontario. In Alberta, the May total was lower by \$ 514,308 or 78.6 p.c. than that for April.

As compared with May, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia registered increases, of which that of \$ 239,135 or 76.3 p.c. in British Columbia was most noteworthy. The greatest decline was that of \$ 991,334 or 58.7 p.c. in Quebec.

Of the four largest cities, Winnipeg and Vancouver showed improvement as compared with last month and also with the same month of 1935; Montreal and Toronto recorded increases over April, 1936, but decreases as compared with May of last year. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Belleville, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Stratford, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, St. Boniface, Medicine Hat, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Prince Rupert showed increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with either the preceding month or the same month of 1935.

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CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first five months of the same years are also given (1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in May	Value of permits issued in first five months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first five months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average = 100)
	\$	\$		
1936	4,160,988	12,914,830	21.5	84.3
1935	4,728,340	19,535,656	32.5	81.7
1934	3,019,761	7,999,917	13.3	83.0
1933	2,065,372	6,726,695	11.2	75.2
1932	5,488,845	19,312,720	32.1	78.8
1931	12,115,291	50,356,550	83.9	83.6
1930	20,321,160	66,792,498	111.2	95.5
1929	24,185,738	96,792,675	161.2	99.4
1928	27,515,522	79,285,027	132.0	95.8
1927	20,138,657	62,479,480	104.1	96.1
1926	18,504,296	60,042,369	100.0	101.3
1925	15,520,435	50,983,833	84.9	103.1
1924	14,807,589	46,544,689	77.5	111.3
1923	18,937,638	57,946,608	96.5	111.1
1922	19,527,061	54,040,922	90.0	107.9
1921	14,460,878	41,530,750	69.2	134.4
1920	13,082,015	47,640,916	79.3	144.7

As already mentioned, the aggregate for the first five months of 1936 was smaller than in the same period in 1935, although it was higher than the months January - May of either 1934 or 1933. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the last few years have been considerably below the average for the years since 1920.

Table 1 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May and April, 1936, and May, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 53 Cities.

Cities	May 1936	April 1936	May 1935
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown			
Nova Scotia	22,000	11,675	24,500
x Halifax	135,233	108,865	114,425
New Glasgow	120,783	102,215	104,205
x Sydney	350	Nil	2,720
New Brunswick	14,100	6,650	7,500
Fredericton	76,195	26,900	39,505
x Moncton	51,800	3,350	1,400
x Saint John	1/	10,415	20,525
Quebec	24,395	13,135	17,580
x Montreal- x Maisonneuve	696,430	444,786	1,687,764
x Quebec	565,045	305,336	567,387
Shawinigan Falls	51,955	35,590	1,053,097
x Sherbrooke	24,955	7,525	14,350
x Three Rivers	14,650	23,175	30,900
x Westmount	4,200	32,350	11,900
	35,625	40,810	10,130
Ontario			
Belleville	2,139,567	1,329,915	2,151,023
x Brantford	11,750	5,350	11,300
Chatham	17,399	6,138	30,962
x Fort William	5,575	37,975	13,375
Galt	20,800	23,725	8,200
x Guelph	9,156	16,925	10,805
x Hamilton	8,288	4,251	11,253
x Kingston	94,565	106,896	109,370
x Kitchener	27,095	12,883	47,683
x London	42,002	26,662	94,934
Niagara Falls	82,970	59,285	56,645
Oshawa	30,048	9,485	5,065
x Ottawa	15,900	16,345	6,250
Owen Sound	354,810	71,485	258,630
x Peterborough	3,505	6,113	5,425
x Port Arthur	11,160	26,872	14,776
x Stratford	25,473	12,900	42,164
x St. Catharines	2,879	755	1,793
x St. Thomas	40,463	15,874	16,923
Sarnia	2,200	3,530	1,795
Sault Ste. Marie	7,763	5,725	10,150
x Toronto	39,945	27,735	14,795
York & East York Townships	710,734	530,942	1,179,404
Welland	439,890	239,700	141,266
x Windsor	15,404	8,080	5,605
Riverside	108,350	39,835	39,270
Woodstock	1/	4,700	200
Manitoba			
x Brandon	11,443	9,749	12,985
St. Boniface	340,790	67,725	181,480
x Winnipeg	4,150	925	8,450
Saskatchewan	10,940	1,200	3,630
x Moose Jaw	325,700	65,600	169,400
x Regina	57,955	55,976	62,690
x Saskatoon	5,735	1,200	7,850
Alberta	33,440	40,816	18,440
x Calgary	18,780	13,960	36,400
x Edmonton	140,357	654,665	153,627
Lethbridge	55,582	214,365	50,566
Medicine Hat	63,700	408,225	72,011
British Columbia	16,665	31,525	27,860
Kamloops	4,410	550	3,190
Nenaimo	552,461	495,964	313,326
x New Westminster	22,270	18,990	6,909
Prince Rupert	9,050	6,142	3,846
x Vancouver	26,630	24,990	15,650
North Vancouver	4,125	320	3,466
x Victoria	452,410	396,040	202,995
	1,125	2,070	5,125
	36,851	47,412	75,335
Total - 58 Cities	4,160,988	3,196,471	4,728,340
x Total - 35 Cities	3,402,919	2,725,242	4,394,123

1/ Report not received.



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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JUNE, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR MAY, 1936,
AND JUNE, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during June was \$4,580,740; this was an increase of \$414,902 or 10.0 p.c., as compared with the May total of \$4,165,838,^{1/} but a decrease of \$524,115 or 10.2 p.c. in comparison with June, 1935, when the authorizations amounted to \$5,104,855.

The value of the building authorized in the first six months of the present year was \$17,500,420; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$24,640,511 reported in the period January-June, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first six months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials have also been decidedly lower since 1931, than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for June, 1936, showing that they had issued more than 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately \$2,000,000 and for some 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost almost \$2,400,000. In May, authority was given for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately \$1,600,000 and \$2,200,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded increases in the value of the building permits issued during June as compared with the preceding month, the greatest gain of \$397,123 or 70.3 p.c. taking place in Quebec. In New Brunswick, the June total was lower by 65.7 p.c. than that for May.

As compared with June, 1935, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan registered increases of \$107,775 or 139.3 p.c. and \$70,930 or 181.0 p.c., respectively. Of the declines those of \$403,630 or 27.0 p.c. in Quebec and \$120,306 or 38.7 p.c. in Alberta were most pronounced.

Of the larger cities, Montreal and Toronto recorded increases in the value of the permits issued as compared with May, 1936, but decreases as compared with June, 1935; Winnipeg and Vancouver showed losses in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Chatham, Fort William, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Stratford, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Nanaimo, New Westminster and North Vancouver reported improvement over May, 1936, and June, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during June and in the first six months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first six months of the same years are also given.

1/ Includes Riverside, received too late for inclusion in the May report.

Year	Value of permits issued in June	Value of permits issued in first six months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first six months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first six months (1926 average = 100)
1936	\$ 4,580,740	\$ 17,500,420		
1935	5,104,855	24,640,511	22.2	84.8
1934	2,411,460	10,411,377	33.8	81.2
1933	3,589,204	10,315,899	13.2	82.8
1932	5,028,324	24,341,044	13.1	78.9
1931	8,593,958	58,950,508	30.9	76.8
1930	18,621,487	85,413,985	74.8	83.5
1929	27,816,592	124,609,267	108.4	95.0
1928	22,751,960	102,036,987	158.2	99.2
1927	18,363,239	80,842,719	129.6	95.9
1926	18,718,050	78,760,419	102.6	96.0
1925	14,915,884	65,899,717	100.0	101.0
1924	13,967,006	60,674,154	83.7	103.1
1923	14,286,252	73,047,496	77.0	110.8
1922	17,052,582	71,281,674	92.7	111.4
1921	14,240,934	55,771,684	90.5	108.0
1920	14,113,794	61,754,710	70.7	132.0
			78.4	144.5

The half-yearly totals by provinces are given below for the years 1933-1936. The aggregates in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia were higher in the period January-June, 1936, than in the same six months in 1935; they were, however, generally lower than in most years of the record. On the other hand, the totals for Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta were smaller than in the preceding year.

PROVINCIAL TOTALS FOR BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY 58 CITIES IN FIRST HALF-YEAR, 1933-1936.

Province	1936	1935	1934	1933
Prince Edward Island	\$ 73,650	\$ 96,325	\$ 47,100	\$ 41,900
Nova Scotia	597,255	324,295	374,600	349,865
New Brunswick	162,526	141,017	210,740	175,288
Quebec	3,190,313	5,873,941	2,462,677	3,504,039
Ontario	7,824,659	12,678,819	5,094,136	3,749,568
Manitoba	664,815	2,355,065	348,986	434,586
Saskatchewan	238,832	233,030	209,840	393,904
Alberta	1,103,878	1,162,981	585,785	431,543
British Columbia	3,644,492	1,775,038	1,077,513	1,235,206
Canada	17,500,420	24,640,511	10,411,377	10,315,899

The following shows the January-June aggregates for the four leading cities:-

City	1936	1935	1934	1933
Montreal	\$ 2,293,555	\$ 4,421,415	\$ 1,607,905	\$ 3,164,191
Toronto	3,092,190	5,315,395	2,523,471	1,614,038
Winnipeg	618,100	2,262,450	298,100	386,550
Vancouver	3,050,825	1,331,880	700,094	932,697
Total	9,054,670	13,331,140	5,129,570	6,097,476

In Vancouver, the total for the first six months of 1935 exceeded those for any of the years since 1932; in Toronto and Winnipeg, the aggregates were higher than in either 1934 or 1933, though lower than in 1935, while Montreal showed an increase over 1934, but a decrease as compared with 1935 and 1933. Over 51 p.c. of the total value of the building permits issued by the 58 cities in the months January-June of the present year was reported by the four largest centres, as compared with more than 54 p.c. in 1935.

The table on the following page gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during May and June, 1936, and June 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	June, 1936	May, 1936	June, 1935.
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 26,250	\$ 22,000	\$ 41,575
Nova Scotia	185,130	135,233	77,355
x Halifax	141,855	120,783	67,630
New Glasgow	15,300	350	2,325
x Sydney	27,975	14,100	7,400
New Brunswick	26,135	76,195	35,451
Fredericton	1,000	51,800	400
x Moncton	1,650	-	17,472
x Saint John	23,485	24,395	17,579
Quebec	1,093,553	696,430	1,497,183
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	610,488	565,045	1,407,754
x Quebec	421,905	51,955	34,789
Shawinigan Falls	6,110	24,955	3,140
x Sherbrooke	26,625	14,650	20,150
x Three Rivers	5,900	4,200	13,600
x Westmount	22,525	35,625	17,750
Ontario 1/	2,303,825	2,144,417	2,321,103
Belleville	11,350	11,750	7,850
x Brantford	19,910	17,399	32,878
Chatham	16,915	5,575	6,900
x Fort William	51,925	20,800	43,400
Galt	17,133	9,156	262,105
x Guelph	10,139	8,288	146,450
x Hamilton	166,325	94,565	85,730
x Kingston	36,124	27,095	24,442
x Kitchener	58,896	42,002	23,754
x London	95,075	82,970	62,015
Niagara Falls	22,880	30,048	560
Oshawa	12,965	15,900	15,025
x Ottawa	304,125	354,810	196,815
Owen Sound	23,725	3,505	13,051
x Peterborough	46,084	11,160	62,645
x Port Arthur	50,035	25,473	20,245
x Stratford	16,348	2,879	5,231
x St. Catharines	29,570	40,463	25,490
x St. Thomas	44,450	2,200	7,375
Sarnia	10,435	7,763	15,379
Sault Ste. Marie	32,555	39,945	9,030
x Toronto	904,302	710,734	1,027,362
York & East York Townships	254,295	439,890	188,337
Welland	11,433	15,404	4,620
x Windsor	42,575	108,350	23,057
Riverside 1/	2,750	4,850	500
Woodstock	11,446	11,443	10,857
Manitoba	157,284	340,790	189,585
x Brandon	9,275	4,150	2,750
St. Boniface	16,059	10,940	4,985
x Winnipeg	131,950	325,700	181,850
Saskatchewan	110,115	57,955	39,185
x Moose Jaw	3,610	5,735	700
x Regina	44,820	33,440	31,120
x Saskatoon	61,685	18,780	7,365
Alberta	190,944	140,357	311,250
x Calgary	91,929	55,582	236,943
x Edmonton	74,390	63,700	66,140
Lethbridge	24,400	16,665	7,672
Medicine Hat	225	4,410	495
British Columbia	487,504	552,461	592,168
Kamloops	5,530	22,270	29,083
Nanaimo	24,548	9,050	3,180
x New Westminster	48,050	26,630	17,500
Prince Rupert	1,755	4,125	490
x Vancouver	378,895	452,410	507,720
North Vancouver	3,834	1,125	1,225
x Victoria	24,892	36,851	32,970
Total 58 Cities 1/	4,580,740	4,165,838	5,104,855
xTotal 35 Cities	4,027,787	3,402,919	4,476,071

1/ Includes Riverside received too late for inclusion in May report.

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR JULY, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1936,
AND JULY, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building represented by the permits taken out in 58 cities during July stood at \$4,602,897; a slight increase of \$22,157 or 0.5 p.c. as compared with the June, 1936, total of \$4,580,740; there was also an increase of \$206,495 or 4.7 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the July, 1935, aggregate of \$4,396,402.

The value of the building authorized in the first seven months of the present year was \$22,103,317; this was considerably lower than the aggregate of \$29,036,913 reported in the period January - July, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first seven months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at nearly \$1,700,000, and some 1,500 permits for other buildings estimated at over \$2,300,000. In addition, engineering projects valued at \$9,925 were undertaken by Port Arthur. In June, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$2,000,000 and \$2,400,000, respectively.

Increases over June, 1936, were reported in New Brunswick, Quebec and Manitoba, that of \$230,903 or 21.1 p.c. in Quebec being greatest. The remaining provinces recorded declines, of which that of \$74,706 or 67.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan was most pronounced.

In comparison with July, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta showed increases. The gain of \$608,786 or 85.1 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy. In Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the authorized building had a lower valuation than in the same month of last year; the greatest decline was in British Columbia, amounting to \$1,034,933 or 68.5 p.c.

Of the larger cities - Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver - Montreal and Winnipeg showed increases over June, 1936, and also as compared with July, 1935. In Toronto, the total was lower than in the preceding month, but higher than in the same month of last year, while in Vancouver, the July, 1936, authorizations were lower in value than in either June, 1936, or July, 1935.

Of the other centres, Fredericton, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Kingston, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sarnia, York and East York Townships, Welland, Windsor, Woodstock, Edmonton and New Westminster showed gains as compared with June, 1936, and also as compared with July, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during July, and in the first seven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the January - July total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first seven months of the years since 1920 are also given, (1926 average = 100).

Year	Value of permits issued in July	Value of permits issued in first seven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first seven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first seven months (1926 average = 100)
1936	\$4,602,897	\$ 22,103,317	22.7	84.5
1935	4,396,402	29,036,913	29.8	81.8
1934	3,257,470	13,668,847	14.0	82.8
1933	2,180,403	12,496,302	12.7	76.5
1932	4,412,169	28,753,213	29.5	78.1
1931	11,042,609	69,993,717	71.8	83.3
1930	15,824,781	101,238,766	103.9	94.2
1929	22,702,584	147,311,851	151.2	99.2
1928	25,761,956	127,798,943	131.2	96.2
1927	16,369,195	97,211,914	99.8	96.1
1926	18,683,415	97,443,834	100.0	100.8
1925	12,812,603	78,712,320	80.8	103.1
1924	11,681,196	72,355,350	74.3	109.8
1923	13,078,547	86,126,043	88.4	111.7
1922	15,740,810	87,022,484	89.3	108.3
1921	10,965,891	66,737,575	68.5	130.2
1920	13,743,045	75,497,755	77.5	144.2

The aggregate for the first seven months of this year was lower than in 1935, although it was higher than the total for the same period in either 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though rather higher than in any of the years 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 2 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during June and July, 1936, and July, 1935; the 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	July, 1936	June, 1936	July, 1935
P. E. I.- Charlottetown	18,035	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	114,690	26,250	24,110
x Halifax		185,130	66,125
New Glasgow	96,445	141,855	49,550
x Sydney	5,375	15,300	675
New Brunswick	12,870	27,975	15,900
Fredericton	47,685	26,135	35,322
x Moncton	10,000	1,000	7,850
x Saint John	37,685	1,650	13,422
Quebec	1/	23,485	14,050
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	1,324,456	1,093,553	715,670
x Quebec	1,198,971	610,483	574,015
Shawinigan Falls	32,825	421,905	87,740
x Sherbrooke	5,375	6,110	2,790
x Three Rivers	40,200	26,625	19,900
x Westmount	6,085	5,900	4,800
Ontario	41,000	22,525	26,425
Belleville	2,245,194	2,303,825	1,610,597
x Brantford	6,490	11,350	10,100
Chatham	24,445	19,910	32,574
x Fort William	9,500	16,915	6,400
Galt	29,800	51,925	33,900
x Guelph	6,810	17,133	7,057
x Hamilton	17,220	10,139	26,855
x Kingston	90,550	166,325	99,540
x Kitchener	42,715	36,124	34,641
x London	43,780	58,896	90,983
Niagara Falls	77,730	95,075	59,220
Oshawa	6,405	22,880	9,817
x Ottawa	9,650	12,965	5,850
Owen Sound	199,450	304,125	100,320
x Peterborough	21,782	23,725	760
x Port Arthur	52,134	46,084	15,059
x Stratford	27,413	50,035	16,355
x St. Catharines	2,715	16,348	7,937
x St. Thomas	261,905	29,570	26,830
Sarnia	4,705	44,450	60,050
Sault Ste. Marie	13,905	10,435	11,452
x Toronto	17,690	32,555	9,140
York & East York Townships	776,851	904,302	736,208
Welland	295,190	254,295	172,580
x Windsor	15,454	11,493	7,790
Riverside	101,802	42,575	21,425
Woodstock	1,425	2,750	1,950
Manitoba	87,678	11,446	5,804
Brandon	172,800	157,284	157,550
St. Boniface	1,600	9,275	11,000
x Winnipeg	2,950	16,059	27,250
Saskatchewan	168,250	131,950	119,300
x Moose Jaw	35,409	110,115	120,794
x Regina	13,065	3,610	96,529
x Saskatoon	14,969	44,820	14,765
Alberta	7,375	61,685	9,500
Calgary	168,484	190,944	155,157
x Edmonton	59,904	91,929	77,160
Lethbridge	93,875	74,390	63,175
Medicine Hat	12,230	24,400	11,750
British Columbia	2,475	225	3,072
Kamloops	476,144	487,504	1,511,077
Nanaimo	3,070	5,530	6,310
x New Westminster	14,610	24,548	4,795
Prince Rupert	91,450	48,050	26,650
x Vancouver	235	1,755	2,118
North Vancouver	338,520	378,895	1,377,410
x Victoria	3,695	3,834	3,100
	24,564	24,892	90,694
Total 58 Cities	4,602,897	4,580,740	4,396,402
x Total 35 Cities	4,032,868	4,027,787	4,053,882

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR AUGUST, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR JULY, 1936,
AND AUGUST, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building permits issued during August, 1936, was smaller than in the preceding month, and was also less than in August of last year; during the month under review, the 58 co-operating centres authorized building estimated to cost \$3,672,845, as compared with \$4,615,502 in July, 1936, and \$4,311,968 in August, 1935. There was, therefore, a decrease of 20.4 p.c. in the first comparison, and of 14.8 p.c. in the second.

The value of the building authorized in the first eight months of the present year was \$25,788,767; this was lower than the aggregate of \$33,348,881 reported in the period January-August, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first eight months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for this period in each of the last five years had been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics showing that they had issued about 350 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$1,500,000 and more than 1,500 permits for other buildings valued at approximately \$1,850,000. During July, authority was granted for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated at about \$1,700,000 and \$2,300,000, respectively.

As compared with July, 1936, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan reported gains of \$63,721 and \$108,923, respectively. Of the reductions elsewhere indicated, that of \$484,977 or 36.6 p.c. in Quebec was greatest.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta reported higher aggregates of building permits issued than in August of last year; the largest increase of \$508,938 or 154.0 p.c. was in Quebec. Of the declines recorded in the remaining provinces, that of \$790,531 or 81.6 p.c. in Nova Scotia was most marked.

Of the four largest cities, Toronto and Vancouver showed decreases as compared with July, 1936, and also with August, 1935, while in Montreal and Winnipeg there was a decline in the first, but an increase in the second comparison. Of the other centres, Sydney, Quebec, Shawinigan Falls, Three Rivers, Westmount, Chatham, London, Niagara Falls, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Welland, St. Boniface, Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Mamloops and Victoria recorded gains in both comparisons.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during August, and in the first eight months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based on the January-August total in 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first eight months of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in August	Value of permits issued in first eight months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first eight months, (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eight months, (1926=100)
1936	\$3,672,845	\$25,788,767	23.6	84.7
1935	4,311,968	33,348,881	30.5	81.2
1934	3,764,425	17,433,272	16.0	82.8
1933	1,910,809	14,407,111	13.2	77.0
1932	3,823,251	32,576,464	29.8	77.7
1931	8,201,879	78,194,996	71.6	83.0
1930	14,029,564	115,268,330	105.5	93.4
1929	21,582,221	168,894,072	154.6	99.2
1928	17,448,542	145,247,485	133.0	96.4
1927	29,478,378	126,690,292	116.0	96.2
1926	11,672,599	109,211,942	100.0	100.7
1925	9,511,008	88,223,328	80.8	103.1
1924	9,406,733	81,762,083	74.9	109.0
1923	11,425,031	97,551,074	89.3	111.8
1922	18,158,932	105,181,416	96.3	108.4
1921	10,928,039	77,665,614	71.1	128.6
1920	10,805,846	86,303,601	79.0	143.8

The aggregate for the first eight months of this year was lower than in 1935, although it was higher than in 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of building permits issued by 58 cities during July and August, 1936, and August, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1920 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	August, 1936	July, 1936	August, 1935
P.E.I.- Charlottetown	\$ 2,280	\$	\$
Nova Scotia	178,411	18,035	4,800
x Halifax	128,000	114,690	968,942
New Glasgow	440	96,445	963,107
x Sydney	49,971	5,375	800
New Brunswick	24,936	12,870	5,035
Fredericton	9,100	60,290	24,835
x Moncton	2,375	10,000	1,050
x Saint John	13,461	37,685	5,870
Quebec	839,479	12,605	17,915
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	659,822	1,324,456	330,541
x Quebec	66,307	1,198,971	257,416
Shawinigan Falls	6,325	32,825	55,080
x Sherbrooke	17,300	5,375	600
x Three Rivers	9,100	40,200	5,500
x Westmount	44,625	6,085	700
Ontario	1,815,415	41,000	11,245
Belleville	8,200	2,245,194	2,325,083
x Brantford	16,195	6,450	86,200
Chatham	14,000	24,445	31,621
x Fort William	15,350	9,500	8,806
Galt	34,775	29,800	12,125
x Guelph	12,045	6,810	41,740
x Hamilton	119,810	17,220	12,325
x Kingston	29,020	90,550	142,470
x Kitchener	44,036	42,715	11,206
x London	88,315	43,780	106,083
Niagara Falls	17,555	77,730	30,410
Oshawa	27,745	6,405	705
x Ottawa	222,032	9,650	71,980
Owen Sound	3,625	199,450	752,715
x Peterborough	23,523	21,782	4,621
x Port Arthur	32,260	52,134	38,357
x Stratford	1,330	27,413	10,645
x St. Catharines	185,954	2,715	4,680
x St. Thomas	475	261,905	54,585
Sarnia	32,845	4,705	Nil
Sault Ste. Marie	27,050	13,905	9,254
x Toronto	555,014	17,690	26,505
York and East York Townships	203,745	776,851	702,478
Welland	20,317	295,190	133,090
x Windsor	62,565	15,454	4,470
Riverside	1,750	101,802	13,450
Woodstock	15,884	1,425	1,925
Manitoba	154,985	87,678	12,637
x Brandon	4,595	172,800	102,985
St. Boniface	20,140	1,600	27,385
x Winnipeg	130,250	2,950	1,300
Saskatchewan	144,332	168,250	74,300
x Moose Jaw	1,835	35,409	40,115
x Regina	121,122	13,065	17,240
x Saskatoon	21,375	14,969	6,555
Alberta	130,352	7,375	16,320
x Calgary	30,100	168,484	121,715
x Edmonton	54,880	59,904	58,002
Lethbridge	44,412	93,875	53,310
Medicine Hat	960	12,230	10,403
British Columbia	376,655	2,475	Nil
Kamloops	10,060	476,144	392,952
Nanaimo	7,610	3,070	1,685
x New Westminster	43,600	14,610	900
Prince Rupert	225	91,450	10,950
x Vancouver	261,690	235	22,015
North Vancouver	2,890	338,520	308,585
x Victoria	50,580	3,695	1,315
Total - 58 Cities	3,672,845	24,564	47,502
Total - x35 Cities	3,154,912	4,615,502	4,311,968
		4,045,473	3,865,167

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1936,
AND SEPTEMBER, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The value of the building authorized in 58 cities during September stood at \$3,644,560; this was a seasonal decrease of \$28,285 or 0.8 p.c. from the total of \$3,672,845 in August, 1935, but an increase of \$312,645 or 9.4 p.c. in the more significant comparison with September of last year, when the permits granted represented building valued at \$3,331,915.

The value of the building authorized in the first nine months of the present year was \$29,433,327; this was lower than the aggregate of \$36,680,796 reported in the period January-September, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first nine months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for September, showing that they had issued about 360 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,135,000 and more than 1,800 permits for other buildings valued at about \$2,170,000. In addition, two cities authorized engineering projects valued at \$16,270. During August, permits were granted for the erection of about 350 dwellings and 1,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,500,000 and \$1,850,000, respectively.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario reported moderate increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August, 1936, that of \$54,348 in Quebec being largest. In Manitoba, practically no change was indicated, while of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$72,794 or 50.4 p.c. in Saskatchewan was most pronounced.

As compared with September, 1935, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. The greatest gain of \$310,310 or 53.2 p.c. was reported in Quebec.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver showed larger totals of authorized building than in August, and the value in each case was also higher than in September, 1935; in Winnipeg, there was a decline in the first comparison, but an increase over September of last year. Of the other centres, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Fort William, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Stratford, Sault Ste. Marie, Riverside, Woodstock, Brandon, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert recorded increases as compared with both August, 1936, and September, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the period January - September of the years since 1920 are also given, (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in September	Value of permits issued in first nine months	Indexes of value of permits issued, first nine months, (1926=100)	Average index of wholesale prices of building materials in first nine months, (Average 1926=100)
1936	\$3,644,560	\$29,433,327	24.5	84.8
1935	3,672,845	36,680,796	30.5	81.2
1934	2,281,874	19,715,146	16.5	82.8
1933	1,986,903	16,394,014	13.6	77.5
1932	2,449,735	35,026,199	29.1	77.6
1931	10,407,999	88,602,995	73.7	82.7
1930	11,093,020	126,361,350	105.2	92.7
1929	17,117,017	186,011,017	154.8	99.2
1928	20,374,149	165,621,634	137.8	96.7
1927	14,462,243	141,152,535	117.5	96.3
1926	11,047,503	120,163,936	100.0	100.7
1925	10,140,853	98,364,181	81.9	103.1
1924	15,055,250	96,817,333	80.6	108.2
1923	10,768,898	108,319,972	90.1	111.8
1922	11,597,034	116,778,450	97.2	108.5
1921	10,907,828	88,573,442	73.7	126.8
1920	9,842,677	96,146,278	80.0	144.2

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was lower by 19.8 p.c. than in 1935, but was substantially higher than in 1934 and 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities during August and September, 1936, and September, 1935. The 35 cities for which data are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

C i t i e s	September	August	September
	1 9 3 6	1 9 3 6	1 9 3 5
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 33,850	\$ 8,280	\$ 23,150
Nova Scotia	142,361	178,411	62,280
x Halifax	101,936	128,000	52,147
New Glasgow	2,075	440	4,800
x Sydney	38,350	49,971	5,333
New Brunswick	28,775	24,936	28,909
Fredericton	12,400	9,100	5,475
x Moncton	5,795	2,375	7,589
x Saint John	10,580	13,461	15,845
Quebec	893,827	839,479	583,517
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	780,417	695,822	359,618
x Quebec	20,640	66,307	168,454
Shawinigan Falls	16,270	6,325	520
x Sherbrooke	31,700	17,300	16,300
x Three Rivers	18,050	9,100	2,225
x Westmount	26,750	44,625	36,400
Ontario	1,858,010	1,815,415	1,617,653
Belleville	3,800	8,200	900
x Brantford	6,330	16,395	17,948
Chatham	12,150	14,000	4,400
x Fort William	39,550	15,350	15,700
Galt	30,492	34,775	44,225
x Guelph	20,640	12,045	11,136
x Hamilton	80,700	119,810	142,974
x Kingston	16,900	29,020	18,648
x Kitchener	88,382	44,036	16,085
x London	102,885	88,315	51,965
Niagara Falls	18,645	17,555	43,375
Oshawa	8,977	27,745	16,780
x Ottawa	162,365	222,032	63,300
Owen Sound	12,260	3,625	7,000
x Peterborough	31,240	23,523	13,374
x Port Arthur	17,370	32,260	25,335
x Stratford	7,560	1,330	5,295
x St. Catharines	16,529	185,954	31,278
x St. Thomas	8,375	475	14,300
Sarnia	16,266	32,845	8,460
Sault Ste. Marie	29,465	27,050	10,490
x Toronto	835,838	555,014	630,271
York and East York Townships	172,250	203,745	126,366
Welland	11,925	20,317	3,862
x Windsor	70,705	62,565	287,175
Riverside	2,275	1,750	1,100
Woodstock	34,136	15,884	5,911
Manitoba	154,925	154,985	116,930
x Brandon	29,950	4,595	2,100
St. Boniface	15,275	20,140	30,180
x Winnipeg	109,700	130,250	84,650
Saskatchewan	71,538	144,332	493,870
x Moose Jaw	4,240	1,835	8,036
x Regina	37,273	121,122	479,094
x Saskatoon	30,025	21,375	6,740
Alberta	124,692	130,352	105,402
x Calgary	45,035	30,100	53,887
x Edmonton	64,200	54,880	42,210
Lethbridge	14,542	44,412	9,015
Medicine Hat	915	960	290
British Columbia	336,582	376,655	300,204
Kamloops	1,035	10,050	5,175
Nanaimo	17,323	7,610	3,479
x New Westminster	16,200	43,600	9,300
Prince Rupert	1,300	225	1,005
x Vancouver	272,370	261,690	246,195
North Vancouver	850	2,890	1,335
x Victoria	27,504	50,580	33,365
total - 58 Cities	3,644,560	3,672,845	3,331,915
total - x 35 Cities	3,176,084	3,154,912	2,974,572

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR OCTOBER, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1936, AND OCTOBER, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The estimated value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October was \$4,120,416; this was an increase of \$475,856 or 13.1 p.c., as compared with the September total of \$3,644,560, and was also higher by \$90,098 or 2.2 p.c. than in October, 1935, when the aggregate value was \$4,030,318.

The value of the building authorized in the first ten months of the present year was \$33,553,743; this was lower than the aggregate of \$40,711,114 reported in the period, January-October, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first ten months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in preceding years since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 400 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$1,495,000 and about 2,250 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$2,577,600. In addition, one city authorized an engineering project valued at \$1,280. During September, authority was granted for the erection of about 360 dwellings and 1,800 other buildings, the estimated cost being approximately \$1,135,000 and \$2,170,000, respectively.

New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of authorized building as compared with September, 1936, the gains of \$208,650 or 11.2 p.c. in Ontario, and \$160,823 or 129.0 p.c. in Alberta being greatest. The decreases in the remaining provinces were on a small scale.

In comparison with October, 1935, there was improvement in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Manitoba and Alberta reported the most pronounced increases, amounting to \$181,305 or 158.3 p.c., and \$201,251 or 238.8 p.c., respectively.

Toronto and Winnipeg showed increases as compared with September, 1936, and their totals were also higher than in October, 1935; in Vancouver, there was a small improvement over October, 1935, but a decline as compared with September, 1936, while in Montreal, the total was lower than in either of the comparisons.

Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Saint John, Shawinigan Falls, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Westmount, Belleville, Chatham, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, York and East York Townships, Riverside, Calgary, Kamloops, Prince Rupert, North Vancouver and Victoria reported increases over September, 1936 and also as compared with October, 1935.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS, 1936.

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during October, and in the first ten months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ten months of the years since 1920 are also given (average, 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in October	Value of permits issued in first ten months	Index of value of permits issued in first ten months. (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first ten months. (average 1926=100)
	\$	\$		
1936	4,120,416	33,553,743	24.9	85.0
1935	4,030,318	40,711,114	30.2	81.2
1934	2,598,024	22,313,170	16.5	82.8
1933	1,775,052	18,169,066	13.5	77.8
1932	3,170,570	38,196,769	28.3	77.5
1931	8,442,627	97,045,622	71.9	82.4
1930	12,756,402	139,117,752	103.1	92.0
1929	18,073,378	204,084,467	151.3	99.2
1928	21,558,085	187,179,719	138.8	96.8
1927	18,848,019	160,000,554	118.6	96.2
1926	14,738,402	134,902,338	100.0	100.4
1925	11,312,644	109,676,825	81.3	103.0
1924	13,089,588	109,906,921	81.5	107.6
1923	9,999,187	118,319,159	87.7	111.8
1922	10,737,525	127,515,975	94.5	108.5
1921	10,491,228	99,064,670	73.4	125.2
1920	10,401,041	106,547,319	79.0	144.4

The aggregate for the first ten months was lower by 17.6 p.c. than in 1935, but was higher than in the same period of either 1934 or 1933. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in any other year since 1920.

The table on page 3 gives the value of the building permits issued by each of the 58 cities during September and October, 1936, and October, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits Issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	October 1936	September 1936	October 1935
	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	21,440	33,850	14,600
Nova Scotia	108,548	142,361	84,910
x Halifax	96,340	101,936	84,150
New Glasgow	2,778	2,075	760
x Sydney	9,430	38,350	-
New Brunswick	78,542	28,775	19,505
Fredericton	9,360	12,400	2,150
x Moncton	12,107	5,795	10,000
x Saint John	57,075	10,580	7,355
Quebec	856,870	893,827	1,256,754
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	607,895	780,417	675,042
x Quebec	87,823	20,640	530,070
Shawinigan Falls	43,465	16,270	26,882
x Sherbrooke	44,200	31,700	15,000
x Three Rivers	23,862	18,050	2,450
x Westmount	49,625	26,750	7,310
Ontario	2,066,660	1,858,010	2,118,719
Belleville	15,575	3,800	11,997
x Brantford	15,705	6,330	35,369
Chatham	25,480	12,150	4,900
x Fort William	8,000	39,550	10,575
Galt	6,404	30,492	3,319
x Guelph	13,637	20,640	13,678
x Hamilton	160,814	80,700	50,631
x Kingston	35,409	16,900	37,000
x Kitchener	75,450	88,382	61,475
x London	50,090	102,885	89,255
Niagara Falls	23,270	18,645	6,275
Oshawa	4,670	8,977	2,325
x Ottawa	127,800	162,365	590,480
Owen Sound	8,085	12,260	1,270
x Peterborough	19,755	31,240	23,777
x Port Arthur	16,738	17,370	11,478
x Stratford	9,075	7,560	9,755
x St. Catharines	45,680	16,529	8,068
x St. Thomas	2,620	8,375	3,885
Sarnia	7,775	16,266	7,000
Sault Ste. Marie	10,940	29,465	8,670
x Toronto	1,045,033	835,838	783,493
York and East York Townships	247,630	172,250	154,790
Welland	5,245	11,925	22,257
x Windsor	72,955	70,705	155,617
Riverside	9,135	2,275	2,900
Woodstock	3,690	34,136	8,480
Manitoba	295,850	154,925	114,545
x Brandon	-	29,950	1,100
St. Boniface	1,650	15,275	17,995
x Winnipeg	294,200	109,700	95,450
Saskatchewan	55,733	71,538	17,855
x Mouse Jaw	4,613	4,240	4,975
x Regina	33,670	37,273	6,695
x Saskatoon	17,450	30,025	6,185
Alberta	285,515	124,692	84,264
x Calgary	219,855	45,035	17,783
x Edmonton	51,900	64,200	50,170
Lethbridge	12,960	14,542	15,746
Medicine Hat	800	915	565
British Columbia	351,258	336,582	319,166
Kamloops	6,900	1,035	5,430
Nanaimo	6,270	17,323	2,625
x New Westminster	15,950	16,200	24,445
Prince Rupert	3,880	1,300	2,800
x Vancouver	251,440	272,370	247,555
North Vancouver	3,115	850	950
x Victoria	63,703	27,504	35,361
Total - 58 Cities	4,120,416	3,644,560	4,030,318
Total - x35 Cities	3,639,899	3,176,084	3,705,632

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BUILDING PERMITS FOR NOVEMBER, 1936, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1936,
AND NOVEMBER, 1935, AND CUMULATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 58 cities during November was \$3,030,425. This was a seasonal decline of \$1,089,991, or 26.5 p.c., as compared with the October figure of \$4,120,416, while the total was also lower by \$417,228, or 12.1 p.c., than in November, 1935, when the estimated value of the building authorized by these cities was \$3,447,653.

The value of the building permits taken out in the first eleven months of the present year was \$36,584,168; this was lower than the aggregate of \$44,158,767 reported in the period January-November, 1935, although it was decidedly higher than in the first eleven months of either 1934 or 1933. The cumulative total for the same period in each of the last five years has been very much lower than in any other year on record; the wholesale prices of building materials since 1931 have also been decidedly lower than in any preceding year since 1920.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics for November, 1936, showing that they had issued over 280 permits for dwellings estimated to cost more than \$1,198,000, and about 1,400 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$1,600,000. During October, permits were issued for the erection of about 400 dwellings and 2,250 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$1,495,000 and \$2,577,600, respectively, while an engineering project valued at \$1,280 was also undertaken.

British Columbia reported a slight increase in the value of the building authorized as compared with October, 1936, but elsewhere reductions were indicated, that of \$396,365, or 19.2 p.c., in Ontario being largest.

As compared with November, 1935, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases, of which the greatest was that of \$119,596 or 23.1 p.c. in Quebec. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of \$685,986 or 29.3 p.c. in Ontario was most pronounced.

Of the four largest centres, Vancouver recorded an increase in the value of the building authorized in November as compared with the preceding month, and also as compared with November of last year. In Montreal and Winnipeg, the aggregate value was higher than in November, 1935, but lower than in October of this year, while Toronto showed a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Sydney, Fredericton, Sherbrooke, Brantford, Galt, Hamilton, Peterborough, St. C. Marines, Sault Ste. Marie, Woodstock, Brandon, St. Boniface, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo and New Westminster reported higher building authorizations than in either comparison.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS, 1920-1936.

The following table shows the value of the building authorized by 58 cities during November and in the first eleven months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for 1926 as 100. The January-November index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in these years are also given (average 1926=100).

Year	Value of permits issued in November	Value of permits issued in first eleven months	Indexes of value of permits issued in first eleven months (1926=100)	Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first eleven months, (Average 1926=100)
1936	\$3,030,425	\$3,550,168	25.5	85.2
1935	3,447,653	4,156,767	30.5	81.2
1934	2,622,554	2,825,704	77.2	82.7
1933	1,624,132	1,733,234	13.7	78.1
1932	2,553,373	4,750,142	23.1	77.4
1931	7,282,117	10,727,739	12.0	82.1
1930	11,821,292	15,959,004	104.2	91.4
1929	16,171,400	20,455,267	132.0	99.1
1928	15,830,830	19,010,555	140.1	96.9
1927	12,857,622	17,058,116	119.7	96.2
1926	9,975,451	14,071,789	100.0	100.1
1925	7,988,765	11,765,590	31.2	102.9
1924	10,212,908	12,019,829	42.9	107.1
1923	8,228,206	12,547,365	37.3	111.8
1922	11,182,030	13,698,005	95.7	108.6
1921	12,192,414	11,257,264	70.8	123.9
1920	5,627,949	12,175,263	77.4	144.3

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was lower by 17.2 p.c. than in 1935, but was higher than in the same period of either 1934 or 1933. With these exceptions, the 1936 total to date was lower than in any other year of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, though slightly higher than in any of the years, 1931-1935, was considerably lower than in the months January to November of other years since 1920.

The accompanying tables give the value of the building permits issued by 58 cities in October and November, 1936, and November, 1935. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked thus "x".

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Estimated Value of Construction Work as Indicated by Building Permits issued by 58 Cities.

Cities	November, 1936	October, 1935	November, 1935
P.E.I. - Charlottetown	\$ 2,250	\$ 21,440	\$ 3,650
Nova Scotia	98,627	108,548	80,885
x Halifax	80,727	96,340	71,235
New Glasgow	6,000	2,778	1,900
x Sydney	11,900	9,430	7,750
New Brunswick	66,552	78,512	11,735
Fredericton	36,600	9,360	450
x Moncton	2,975	12,107	1,508
x Saint John	26,977	57,075	9,777
Quebec	638,326	856,870	518,730
x Montreal - x Maisonneuve	503,773	607,895	428,115
x Quebec	43,690	87,823	60,245
Shawinigan Falls	3,003	43,465	200
x Sherbrooke	44,850	44,200	16,100
x Three Rivers	13,010	23,862	1,400
x Westmount	30,000	49,625	12,670
Ontario	1,670,295	2,066,660	2,356,276
Belleville	1,200	15,575	125
x Brantford	22,138	15,705	15,736
Chatham	4,250	25,480	2,175
x Fort William	6,800	8,000	4,300
Galt	10,305	6,404	2,206
x Guelph	2,420	13,637	15,846
x Hamilton	179,805	160,814	142,305
x Kingston	7,915	35,409	15,250
x Kitchener	31,560	75,450	77,589
x London	38,310	50,090	252,730
Niagara Falls	5,010	23,270	280
Oshawa	3,100	4,670	2,100
x Ottawa	76,455	127,800	358,000
Owen Sound	5,600	8,085	4,300
x Peterborough	31,779	19,755	9,680
x Port Arthur	6,526	16,738	4,889
x Stratford	4,355	9,075	850
x St. Catharines	185,385	45,680	40,744
x St. Thomas	825	2,620	1,005
Sarnia	4,150	7,775	55,458
Sault Ste. Marie	11,655	10,940	5,995
x Toronto	821,351	1,045,033	1,097,798
York and East York Townships	136,870	247,630	219,940
Welland	3,712	5,245	3,350
x Windsor	60,872	72,955	17,665
Riverside	250	9,135	350
Woodstock	7,697	3,690	5,610
Manitoba	70,200	295,850	56,250
x Brandon	2,700	Nil	1,600
St. Boniface	8,800	1,650	50
x Winnipeg	58,700	294,200	54,600
Saskatchewan	25,845	55,733	115,165
x Moose Jaw	4,520	4,613	85,225
x Regina	12,850	33,670	23,390
x Saskatoon	8,475	17,450	6,550
Alberta	96,116	285,515	30,663
x Calgary	68,041	219,855	15,961
x Edmonton	13,005	51,900	6,180
Lethbridge	14,740	12,960	4,587
Medicine Hat	330	800	3,935
British Columbia	362,214	351,258	274,299
Kamloops	7,120	6,900	2,951
Nanaimo	48,685	6,270	2,931
x New Westminster	17,000	15,950	16,425
Prince Rupert	275	3,880	3,305
x Vancouver	254,015	251,440	216,955
North Vancouver	1,055	3,115	370
x Victoria	34,064	63,703	31,362
Total - 58 Cities	3,030,425	4,120,416	3,447,653
Total - x35 Cities	2,707,763	3,639,899	3,121,435

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